



How SSNAP helped to Identify a Gap in Barnsley Stroke Services

Kendray Hospital was introduced to the SSNAP webtool in 2015 and after close analysis of quarterly reports there was a clear gap in our service in regards to the discharge process. This led to a proposal of a business case in 2019 to introduce a stroke specific ESD/CRT service which was successful and commenced in 2020.

Prior to 2020

Stroke rehabilitation pathway for residents of Barnsley was variable. An established in-patient specialist provision was available at Kendray Hospital for 16 patients and there were generic community rehabilitation teams, but they often had extensive waiting lists.

The service comprised of:

- ◆ 16 In-patient rehabilitation beds at Kendray Hospital, Barnsley
- ◆ Generic Early Supported Discharge provision, working out of Kendray Hospital base

SSNAP Score				
	Apr-Jun 2019	Jul-Sep 2019	Oct-Dec 2019	Jan-Mar 2020
Discharge Process	D	C	C	C

Introduction of a stroke specific ESD/CRT service

From April 2020 the establishment of a stroke specialist Early Supported Discharge Team has allowed Barnsley residents the opportunity to have their rehabilitation as part of a 7 day service at home. This has been well received by patients, carers and colleagues in the HASU and acute sectors.

Evidence has demonstrated that this can reduce long term dependency, and the length of hospital stay¹. It also allows for Barnsley residents to continue specialist rehabilitation at home following an inpatient stay on any inpatient hospital facility following a stroke.

[Stroke rehabilitation in adults—evidence review 18/10/2023—NICE](#)

SSNAP Score				
	Apr-Jun 2022	Jul-Sep 2022	Oct-Dec 2022	Jan-Mar 2023
Discharge Process	A	A	A	A

Conclusion

In Barnsley, the integration of ESD into the stroke care pathway has helped streamline discharge processes, reduce pressure on inpatient beds, and ensure continuity of specialist care in the community. These improvements reflect a more responsive, patient-centered approach to stroke rehabilitation and demonstrate the value of investing in community-based recovery services.