

Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme (SSNAP)

Why is this hospital/team collecting my information?

This is a national project. All health care settings (hospitals and organisations that provide services for stroke patients directly from 0-6 months) will take part. Participation shows that this organisation is committed to improving stroke care.

What information is collected?

Information collected can be used to decide where improvements need to be made. The hospital collects information on the care that you are given over a 6 month period, starting from the time you arrive in hospital. For full details of what is collected, please ask the person who gave you this leaflet or contact the SSNAP team.

Is any confidential information collected?

No patient identifiers are collected in Northern Ireland.

Why is this helpful?

If we can show that patients are less likely to die or have another stroke when they get good stroke care, it will encourage all healthcare settings to improve their stroke services. It will also encourage the funders to support the most important stroke services.

What if the information gets lost or stolen?

The methods for keeping your information safe are very advanced. Your information is stored safely in accordance with NHS recommendations and standards.

Why haven't the hospital staff asked for my permission to use my information?

It is difficult to ask all patients for their consent just after they have had a stroke. Some patients find it hard to communicate after they have had a stroke, some cannot speak and some won't have relatives with them. It is also a very distressing time for patients, and asking them about this project at this time would not be the most important priority. We have asked stroke survivors about this and they thought that the positives (the potential to improve stroke services) outweighed the negatives.

If you have any questions you can ask the person who gave you this leaflet or you can contact the SSNAP team by email ssnap@kcl.ac.uk or by telephone 0116 464 9901.

Further details about how we process your data:

A full fair processing statement is available at <https://www.strokeaudit.org/SSNAP-Governance.aspx>