

This hospital is involved in a project to make stroke care better.

We collect information about all stroke patients in this hospital and what care they receive.

This includes some confidential information.

This information is used to improve stroke care in this hospital.

This project is called the Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme (SSNAP).

For more information about this project you can visit the website:

[www.strokeaudit.org](http://www.strokeaudit.org)

Email if you would like to ask a question:

[ssnap@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:ssnap@kcl.ac.uk)

Phone 0116 464 9901 if you would prefer to talk to somebody.

If you do not want your confidential information to be included in this project, please either:

- tell the person who gave you this leaflet
- email [ssnap@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:ssnap@kcl.ac.uk)

Sentinel Stroke National  
Audit Programme (SSNAP)



# SSNAP

**Sentinel Stroke  
National Audit  
Programme**

**Information about SSNAP.**  
What it means for **you** and **your**  
**hospital.**

All hospitals have to take part in this project to collect information about the care people who have had a stroke receive for 6 months.

This information will help find where improvements need to be made.

To make the best use of this information we need to collect confidential details about you:

- name
- date of birth
- postcode

NHS number (everyone in the country has a unique number which is used by the NHS).

### **Why do we need to collect confidential details from you?**

We can make better use of the information the hospital gives us if we can link it with other information, which is already collected about people in hospitals.

This will help to tell us about which care seems to work best. This is helpful as it will encourage hospitals to improve their services.

### **How will this confidential information be kept safe?**

There are very strict rules about how such information is kept. The hospital sends the information using a very secure website.

Only a few selected people at each hospital can use it. These people need a password to see the information and they must agree to use the information properly.

The confidential information is stored very safely. It is coded when it is transmitted. This means that it will not make sense to anyone who does not have the code.

### **Why have the hospital staff not asked for my permission to use my information?**

Staff can ask however it would be very difficult to ask everyone for their permission 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 patients about this project at this time may not be the most important priority.

We asked people who have had a stroke about this. They thought that it is a good thing as it may help improve services.

### **Can I refuse to give my information?**

Yes. Just tell the person who gave you this leaflet or contact the SSNAP team.