Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme (SSNAP)

What is the project?
This is a national project. Participation shows that this organisation is committed to improving stroke care. 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.

What information is collected?
The hospital collects information on the care that you are given for 6 months, starting from the time you arrive in hospital. Information that identifies you is not collected in Northern Ireland. From April 2020, SSNAP is now collecting information on confirmed or suspected COVID diagnosis.

How will this 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 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.

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.

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