

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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