

## What is **SSNAP**?

The **S**entinel **S**troke **N**ational **A**udit **P**rogramme is a national project.

It is run by the Royal College of Physicians.

When we say “we”, we mean **SSNAP**.

We measure

- stroke care in **hospitals**
- stroke care **at home**
- progress **6 months after stroke**



All hospitals must send **SSNAP** information on how they treat stroke patients.

We measure hospitals’ **stroke care** against **national clinical guidelines**.

These **guidelines** tell services what care **stroke patients** should receive.

This helps to **improve** the **care** patients receive.

## The information we collect

The **National Stroke Strategy** says all stroke patients should have a review.

This should be **6 months** after stroke,

We **collect** your 6 month review information.

It tells us

- If you are **living at home** or in a **care home**
- If you are **living alone** or with **someone**
- If you have a **carer**
- what **support** you have received
- what **medication** you have received

This information is **important** to collect.

It tells us **how well you recover** from your stroke.

## The permission we need to collect your information

The NHS has told us when we need to ask for patients' permission.

We **do not** need **permission** when

- The patient is in hospital
- The patient is receiving care at home

This is because the NHS understands that this information is important.

By measuring stroke services it helps to **improve stroke care**.

We can check that services are giving patients the **care** that they **need**.

We **do need** permission to collect 6 month review information.

At six months patients are **more likely** to have **recovered**.

Patients will be more able to give **their permission**.

You can ask a carer or family member for advice.



**Can I refuse to give my permission?**

Yes. Just tell the **person** who **gave** you this leaflet.

Your **personal** information will then be **removed**.

Contact the **SSNAP** team

Telephone 0203 075 1318

Email [ssnap@rcplondon.ac.uk](mailto:ssnap@rcplondon.ac.uk)

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

## Collecting your personal information

To link your **Stroke care** information to **other illnesses** we will need to collect your

- Name
- Date of birth
- Postcode
- NHS number

We will **never see** this information.

The **Health and Social Care information Centre (HSCIC)** connects your personal information with information from

The **Office of National Statistics (ONS)**

This collects information about

- People who have died
- What caused their death

**Hospital Episode Statistics (HES)**

Everyone in hospital is given a **code** which is sent to HES.

The **codes** tell us about different **illnesses** across the country.

We use these codes to

- Show what is happening in stroke care
- To check how many people have had a stroke

This helps hospitals to **improve stroke care** for **patients**

**How personal information is kept safe**

There are **strict rules** for keeping information **safe**.

Hospital staff collect your **personal information**.

These staff are **chosen** by the hospital.

They must be **approved** by the hospital and us.

This information is sent to **SSNAP**.

Hospital staff use a **secure website**.

They must enter a **personal password**.

**Only staff** involved in your stroke care can see this information.

**Consent form for 6 month review information to be collected by SSNAP**

Have you **read** and **understood** the information sheet?

Have you had the chance to ask questions?

Yes 

No 

Do you agree to **SSNAP** collecting your 6 month review information?

Yes 

No 

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Your name

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Date

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Signature

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Name of Assessor

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Date

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Signature