

Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme (SSNAP)

Information sheet for patients being assessed at six months following stroke **Northern Ireland**

Why are you collecting my information?

SSNAP is a national project run by King's College London (KCL) and funded by the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) on behalf of NHS England and the Welsh Government. It collects information on the care that you are given starting from the time you arrive in hospital until you have this follow up, around six months after your stroke. Collecting information about your health six months after your stroke is really important as it helps us to understand how well people recover from stroke.

Is any of my confidential (patient identifiable) information collected?

Patient identifiable information is collected in Northern Ireland.

How is my information collected and how is it handled?

The hospitals and other organisations involved in your care collect information on the care that they provided to you. This information is entered onto a secure website which can only be accessed by registered staff at relevant healthcare organisations. Staff must have a password and they must agree to terms and conditions that protect your information.

The SSNAP team at King's College London (KCL) then process the data entered and create reports which show how well each hospital or stroke team is performing.

The information is held on a website run by a host company called Net Solving Ltd. Net Solving have put many measures in place to make sure your information is secure. The Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) is the organisation that funds SSNAP. They are called a data controller, which means that they can decide what the data collected is used for – in this case reporting on how good stroke care is across England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

SSNAP does not collect any patient-identifiable information in Northern Ireland

What if the information gets lost or stolen?

The methods for keeping information safe are very advanced. Information is stored safely in a secure database in accordance with NHS recommendations and standards.

Where can I find out more information about SSNAP?

There are resources and articles about SSNAP for patients on the SSNAP website: <https://www.strokeaudit.org/Patients,-Carers-Public-Area.aspx>.

SSNAP produce a wide range of reports on stroke care and these reports are updated four times a year. We also have Easy Access Versions of our reports, which we designed with stroke survivors and stroke charities and online interactive maps; you can find out more about these by going to the SSNAP website: <https://www.strokeaudit.org/Patients,-Carers-Public-Area/Reports-and-Results/Easy-Access-Version-Reports.aspx>.

The SSNAP team can also be contacted by email at ssnap@kcl.ac.uk or by telephone on 0116 464 9901.

Further details about how we process your data:

A full fair processing statement outlining the legal basis for processing your data is available at <https://www.strokeaudit.org/SSNAP-Governance.aspx>