



## **Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme (SSNAP)**

### **Why is this hospital/team collecting my information?**

This 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 6 months after your stroke. All health care settings (hospitals and organisations that provide services for stroke patients directly from 0-6 months) will take part. Participation in SSNAP shows that this organisation is committed to improving stroke care.

### **What information is collected?**

Information collected can be used to decide where improvements need to be made. The hospital collects information on the care that you are given over a 6 month period, starting from the time you arrive in hospital. For full details of what is collected, please ask the person who gave you this leaflet or contact the SSNAP team.

From April 2020, SSNAP is now collecting information on confirmed or suspected COVID diagnosis.

### **Is my confidential information collected?**

Confidential information (patient-identifiable information) is not collected in Northern Ireland.

### **Why is SSNAP helpful?**

SSNAP measures standards of stroke care. This is useful for hospitals and community teams to find where improvements can be made in their practice. Participation in SSNAP shows that an organisation is committed to improving stroke care. It will also encourage the funders to support the most important stroke services.

### **How is 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 your information safe are very advanced. Your information is stored safely in accordance with NHS recommendations and standards.

**Where can I find out more information about SSNAP?**

If you have any questions about SSNAP, please visit the SSNAP website [www.strokeaudit.org](http://www.strokeaudit.org) or you can ask the person who gave you this leaflet or contact the SSNAP team by email [ssnap@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:ssnap@kcl.ac.uk) or by telephone 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>