# Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme



## **Patient information sheet**

#### What is the project?

This is a **national project**. All hospitals have to take part in this project.

Hospitals collect information about the care stroke patients receive.

This information will help find where **improvements** need to be made.

Participation shows that this organisation is committed to **improving** stroke care.

#### What information does SSNAP collect?

SSNAP collect data from **hospital** and **community** stroke care **teams**.

SSNAP collect data about the **care** stroke patients receive for the first **6 months** after their stroke.

From April 2020, SSNAP has been asking if the patient had COVID-19.

#### **Does SSNAP collect my personal information?**

SSNAP collect your:

- name
- date of birth
- Postcode
- NHS number (everyone has a unique number used by the NHS)

This lets SSNAP **link** stroke care data to other secure databases.

The SSNAP team will **never see** your personal information

#### How is my data kept safe?

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

Hospital staff collect the information.

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

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

The hospital staff **must be approved** by the hospital and by SSNAP.

Hospital staff send the information using a secure website.

Hospital staff must enter a **password** to see the information.

Hospital staff must agree to use the information properly.

#### Why do SSNAP collect my personal information?

NHS Digital (NHSD) and NHS Wales Informatics Service (NWIS) link your personal information to **two databases**:

1. NHS Digital (NHSD) database.

NHSD collects information about:

- how many people have died
- what caused their death
- 2. Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) database and Patient Episode Database for Wales (PEDW).

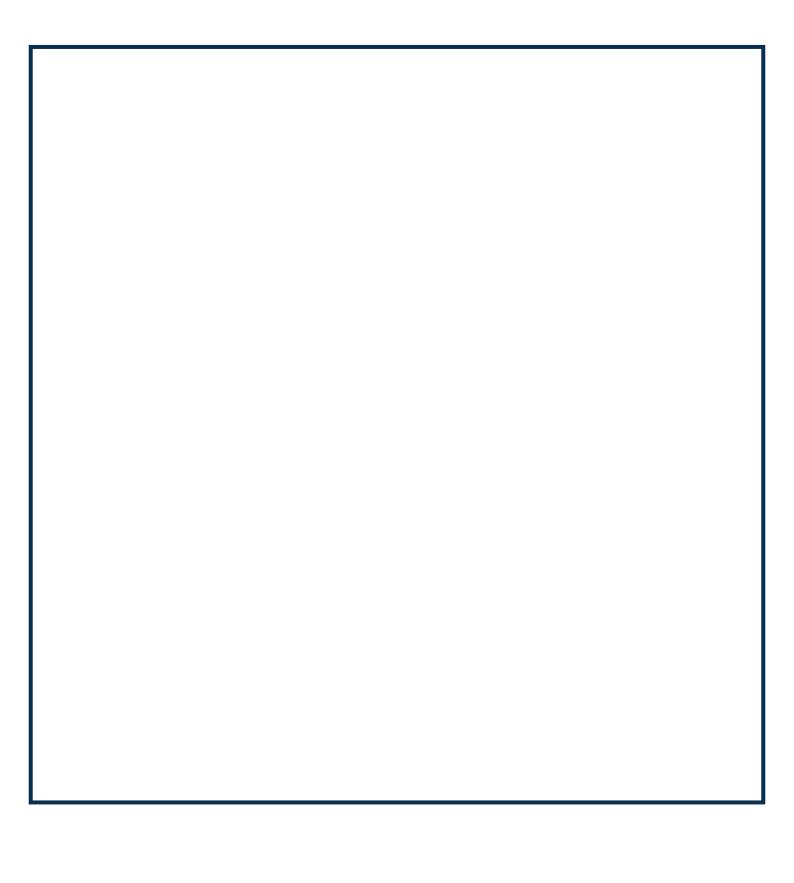
Hospitals give patients codes.

Hospitals send the codes to HES and PEDW.

**SSNAP** use these codes to:

- check **how many** people have had a **stroke**.
- show what is happening in **stroke care**.

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



### Why was I never asked about SSNAP in hospital?

It is **difficult** to ask someone for **consent** after a stroke.

Some patients find it **hard to communicate**.

Some patients cannot speak.

Some patients **won't** have relatives with them.

It is a **distressing** time for patients.

SSNAP **asked** stroke patients about this.

They thought SSNAP is **useful** because SSNAP can **improve** stroke services.

Because of this, SSNAP do not need consent from stroke patients for the

first six months after their stroke.

Contact the SSNAP team:	
<b>Telephone:</b> 0116 464 9901	Website: www.strokeaudit.org
Email: ssnap@kcl.ac.uk	More info about how SSNAP process patient data: www.strokeaudit.org/SSNAP-Governance.aspx

# What if I do not want to have my personal information included on SSNAP?

Please **tell** the person who gave you this leaflet.

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

#### **National Data Opt Out**

From the **31 March 2022**, patient data sent to SSNAP will be subject the National Data Opt Out.

All healthcare providers in **England** must comply with the National Data Opt Out.

If you are on the **National Data Opt Out list**, your data **will not** be submitted to SSNAP.