# SENTINEL STROKE NATIONAL **AUDIT PROGRAMME (SSNAP)**



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### **SSNAP UPDATES**

#### January- March, April-June, and July-September 2020 results

Results for the first two quarters of 2020 are now publicly available. Analysis for Report 29 (July-September) is underway! There will not be public scoring during this period; and we have reduced the number of expected cases by 10% for all routinely admitting teams.

### Annual report 2019/20

The 7th SSNAP Annual report 'Springboard for Progress' will be available in early 2021. The report provides a comprehensive picture of current stroke care and a baseline summary of key ambitions from the NHS Long Term Plan. The Annual Results Portfolio for 2019/20 is now publicly available, containing 7 years of SSNAP data highlighting changes in key aspects of stroke care over time.

#### **ESOC**

SSNAP participated in the virtual ESO-WSO 2020 Conference. You can find all our presentations and posters here.

### **MEET OUR NEW ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS**

We are delighted to welcome our two new Associate Directors Ms Louise Clark and Dr Rebecca Fisher, who are leading on the development and delivery of the post-acute elements of SSNAP!

Ms Clark (@louiseclark15) is Head of Occupational Therapy at Dorset County Hospital Foundation Trust. Dr Fisher (@RebeccaJFisher ) is Stroke Association Senior Lecturer at the University of Nottingham.

### **WEBINARS**

The slides and recordings from our previous webinars are now available!

Our upcoming webinar 'Springboard for progress: trends in stroke care between 2013 and 2020' will be hosted by Associate Clinical Director, Dr Ajay Bhalla, and held on Wednesday 9th November 2020, 15:30-16:15.

Email <u>ssnap@kcl.ac.uk</u> for registration details.

### **SSNAP AND COVID-19**

A big thank you to everyone who contributed results during the COVID-19 period! Your contributions allowed SSNAP to produce monthly national COVID reports; this data will be extremely powerful, but it is only possible thanks to you.

#### A few key findings:

- Stroke admissions fell overall by about 13%, fewer milder strokes.
- Reperfusion held up quite well.
- Clinical quality improved thanks to fewer admissions and more beds.
- Mortality increased significantly, and dramatically so if your patient had a stroke and COVID-19.

What happened to stroke admissions during COVID-19?













### WHAT'S COMING UP FOR SSNAP?

#### **Additional Data Collection**

To help support the delivery of the long-term plan SSNAP will be introducing some new measures to the core dataset and reports over the next year.

#### **Organisational Audits**

The next post-acute organisational audit is set to take place March 2021. Thank you to those who provided feedback. Electronic piloting will take place January 2021, contact ssnap@kcl.ac.uk if you are interested in taking part.

#### Additional reports

SSNAP are busy designing a range of new reporting outputs, including reporting at ISDN-level, a new thrombectomy report, and online "real-time" reporting.

For advice on preparing for these changes or opportunities to get involved, watch our UKSF Snapshot Session from SSNAP Clinical Director Professor Martin James.

# **NATIONAL DATA OPT OUT**

From 1 April 2021, all healthcare providers in England must comply with the National Data Opt Out.

Patient data entered into SSNAP is subject to the Opt Out, each patient's NHS numbers MUST be screened against the national opt out list at NHS Digital prior to ANY of their data being entered onto the SSNAP webtool.

By adding and locking a record on SSNAP (either to 72) hours or discharge), you are confirming that the patient's NHS number has been screened against the national opt out list and has not opted-out of inclusion of their data in SSNAP. Please check with your Trust's Information Governance team for local arrangements by which the screen should take place.

Guidance on the policy and how to comply with the policy is available here. We also have guidance regarding SSNAP and the Opt-Out in our help area <u>here</u>. We are currently working on adding webtool consent notifications to records at points of data flow and will be working with teams to try to increase the explicit consent rate where possible.



Follow us on Twitter @SSNAPaudit, for info on SSNAP outputs, events and research, and reminders of data-locking deadlines.

# **NEXT REPORTING DEADLINE**

### 1 February 2021

- Inpatient team data-locking deadline for October-December 2020 reporting period
- Non-inpatient team data-locking deadline for July-December 2020 reporting period

Future data-locking deadlines can be found here.

We understand that the pandemic may have impacted on admissions or data entry at your trust. Please do get in touch if you are experiencing issues with data entry and case ascertainment as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM SSNAP!



### **USER GROUPS**

SSNAP are launching a series of monthly user groups for acute and postacute stroke care providers, starting in December 2020. These user groups will be an opportunity to learn about upcoming developments, dataset changes and changes to reporting, as well as discuss any questions you may have around SSNAP data entry and reporting outputs.

Ask our booth for more info!



