

Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme (SSNAP)

Why is this hospital/service collecting my information?

This is a national project. All healthcare settings (hospitals and organisations that provide services for stroke patients directly from 0-6 months) will take part. Participation 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. Information that identifies you is not collected in Northern Ireland. For full details of what is collected, please ask the person who gave you this leaflet or contact the SSNAP team.

How will this information be kept safe?

There are very strict rules about how such information is kept. The hospital provides information to SSNAP via a highly secure website. Only relevant organisations have access to this website, and only registered staff are able to enter it. They must have a password and they must agree to the Terms and Conditions that protect your information.

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.

Why haven't the hospital staff asked for my permission to use my information?

It is difficult to ask all patients for their consent just after they have had a stroke. Some patients find it hard to communicate after they have had a stroke, some cannot speak, and some won't have relatives with them. It is also a very distressing time for patients and asking them about this project at this time would not be the most important priority. We have asked stroke survivors about this and they thought that the positives (the potential to improve stroke services) outweighed the negatives.

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>

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