What is SSNAP?

The **Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme** is a national project.

It is run by **King's College London**.

When we say "we", we mean **SSNAP.**

We measure

- stroke care in **hospitals**

- stroke care **at home**

- progress **6 months after stroke**

Hospital → Care at home → 6 month review

All hospitals must send **SSNAP** information on how they treat stroke patients.
We measure hospitals' **stroke care** against **national clinical guidelines**.
These **guidelines** tell services what care **stroke patients** should receive.
This helps to **improve** the **care** patients receive.

The information we collect

Stroke Guidelines say all stroke patients should have a review.
This should be **6 months** after stroke.
We **collect** your 6 month review
information. It tells us
- if you are **living at home** or in a **care home**
- if you are **living alone** or with **someone**
- if you have a **carer**
- what **support** you have received
- what **medication** you have received

This information is **important** to collect.
It tells us **how well you recover** from your stroke.

Collecting your personal information

To link your **stroke care** information to **other illnesses** we need to collect your

- name
- date of birth
- postcode
- NHS number

NHS Digital (NHSD) and **NHS Wales Informatics Service (NWIS) connect** your personal information with information from:

Civil Registration – Deaths (supplied by **NHSD)**
This collects information about
- people who have died
- what caused their death

Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) and Patient Episode Database for Wales (PEDW)

Everyone in hospital is given a **code** which is sent to HES and PEDW.
The **codes** tell us about different **illnesses** across the country. We use these codes to
- show what is happening in stroke care
- to check how many people have had a stroke

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

How personal information is kept safe

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

Hospital staff collect your **personal information**.

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

They must be **approved** by the hospital and us.

This information is sent to **SSNAP.**

Hospital staff use a **secure website**.

They must enter a **personal password**.

Only staff involved in your stroke care can see this information.

The permission we need to collect your information

The NHS has told us when we need to ask for patients' permission.

We **do not** need **permission** when

- The patient is in hospital
- The patient is receiving care at home

This is because the NHS understands that this information is important.

By measuring stroke services it helps to **improve stroke care**.

We can check that services are giving patients the **care** that they **need**.

We **do need** permission to collect 6 month review information.

At six months patients are **more likely** to have **recovered**.

Patients will be more able to give **their permission**.

You can ask a carer or family member for advice.

Can I refuse to give my permission?

Yes. Just tell the **person** who **gave** you this **leaflet**.

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

Contact the **SSNAP** team

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Full details available at: https://www.strokeaudit.org/SSNAP-Governance.aspx

Consent form for 6 month review information to be collected by SSNAP

Have you **read** and **understood** the information sheet?

Have you had a chance to **ask questions**?

Yes ✓ ☐   **No** ✗ ☐

Do you **agree** to **SSNAP** collecting your 6 month review information?

Yes ✓ ☐   **No** ✗ ☐

Please sign here:

_____   _____   _____
Your name   Date   Signature

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Name of Assessor   Date   Signature