

# Patient information sheet

## What is SSNAP?

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



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

We collect data on the first **6 months** of care after stroke.

For full details, as the **person** who **gave** you this **leaflet**.

## 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 (everyone has a unique number used by the NHS)

**NHS England (NHSE) and Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW) connect** your personal information with information from:

**Civil Registration - Deaths** (supplied by **NHSE**)

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**. This **code** tells 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 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.

Measuring stroke services helps to **improve stroke care**.

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

## The National Data Opt-Out

The National Data Opt-Out **does not** apply to data entered on **SSNAP**.

If you are on the National Data Opt-Out list, your data will still be **included** in **SSNAP**.

## Other purposes

Researchers can **request** to use data collected by **SSNAP**.

There is a **strict** process to approve these requests.

A panel of **stroke doctors** must **agree** the research will help **understand** stroke care.

Mostly this **does not** include personal information.

The National Data Opt-Out **does** apply to data used for **research**.

## Can I refuse to give my permission?

**Yes**. Just tell the **person** who **gave** you **this leaflet** or email **SSNAP** on [ssnap@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:ssnap@kcl.ac.uk). Your **personal** information will then be **removed**.

**Contact the SSNAP team:**

**Telephone:** 0116 464 9901

**Website:** [www.strokeaudit.org](http://www.strokeaudit.org)

**Email:** [ssnap@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:ssnap@kcl.ac.uk)

**More info about how SSNAP process patient data:**  
<https://uat.ssnap.org/Patient-information/What-is-SSNAP.aspx>

## Consent form for 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 patient identifiable information?

Yes   No 

Please sign here:

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Your name

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Signature

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Name of Assessor

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