Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme (SSNAP)

Why are you collecting my information?

SSNAP is a national project by King's College London (KCL) and funded by the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP). It collects information on the care that you are given starting from the time you arrive in hospital until you have a follow up, around six months after your stroke. Information collected can be used to decide where improvements need to be made.

Information that identifies you is not collected in Northern Ireland.

For full details on what is collected, please ask the person who gave you this leaflet or contact the SSNAP team by email: ssnap@kcl.ac.uk.

How will this information be kept safe?

There are very strict rules about how such information is kept. This information is entered onto a secure website which can only be accessed by registered staff at relevant healthcare organisations. Staff must have a password and they must agree to 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 a secure database in accordance with NHS recommendations and standards.

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

It is very 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 who said that they thought 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://uat.ssnap.org/Patient-information/What-is-SSNAP.aspx.

Contact the SSNAP team

Email: ssnap@kcl.ac.uk

Website: www.strokeaudit.org