

USEFUL LINKS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland
www.chss.org.uk

Stroke Association
www.stroke.org.uk

Different Strokes
www.differentstrokes.co.uk

Speakability
www.speakability.org.uk

Aphasia Now
www.aphasianow.org

Healthcare Improvement Scotland
www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org

STROKE?
Think FAST & save a life
CALL 999

Face – Can they smile?
Does one side droop?

Arm – Can they lift both
arms? Is one weak?

Speech – Is their speech
slurred or muddled?

Time – To call 999.

If you see these signs call 999 FAST.

Chest Heart Stroke Scotland www.chss.org.uk healthier scotland

TRANSLATION SERVICE

If you would like this leaflet in a different language, large print or Braille (English only), or would like information on how it can be translated into your community language, please phone 0845 310 9900.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME TO READ THIS INFORMATION LEAFLET.

PLEASE KEEP IT IN A SAFE PLACE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

SCOTTISH STROKE CARE AUDIT (SSCA)

INFORMATION LEAFLET



Scottish Stroke
Care Audit

WHAT IS THE SCOTTISH STROKE CARE AUDIT(SSCA)?

The Scottish Stroke Care Audit is one of the Scottish Healthcare Audits, which are part of National Services Scotland, a support service for NHS Scotland. We collect information about the pathway of care for all patients who present to a hospital with the symptoms of a stroke, and compare these with nationally agreed standards.

WHAT IS THE AIM OF THE AUDIT?

To provide information that will support changes in clinical practice which leads to improvements in patient care.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

The information is used to support the development of improved stroke services in Scotland and to learn more about the care of patients with stroke symptoms, for example:

- What causes it;
- The type of investigations and treatment patients with stroke symptoms receive in hospital; and
- The type of treatments which lead to the best outcomes for patients.

We work closely with senior clinicians to produce reports detailing the findings of the audit and encourage hospitals to use the results to implement improvement measures and monitor their effect.

WHAT DO WE COLLECT?

Only relevant information about your treatment and care is collected.

WHO COLLECTS AND KEEPS THE INFORMATION?

Your hospital sends the information electronically to the Scottish Healthcare Audit team.

The information is stored in keeping with the data protection law.

More information about how NHS NSS uses patient data is available at <https://nhsnss.org/how-nss-works/data-protection/>.


The information collected is shared with clinical teams, hospital management and the Scottish Government.

This information may be used for local or national projects or as part of research, but **individual personal information will never be published**. The Audit Steering Group controls who has access to the data collected.

You may also be invited to take part in associated research projects in the future, but you will be informed about them and be able to decide whether you want to participate or not. If you decide not to take part this will not affect the standard of care you receive.

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