

ACUTE STROKE SERVICES

SSNAP Organisational Audit - November 2025



92414 Acute stroke admissions
in the preceding year



4781 Beds of stroke units

155 Participating sites

927 Hyperacute beds
on stroke unit

Quality of acute services stroke care - % of sites

Staffing / Workforce



55% Minimum establishment of band 6
and band 7 nurses per 10 beds

12% Have the presence of a clinical
psychologist (qualified) per 30 beds

Access to specialist treatment & support



34% Receive a pre-
alert for suspected stroke patients

TIA Service



48% Provide MRI* as first line of brain
imaging for TIA** patients

7-day working



59% Have an out of hours stroke specialist
nurse

31% Have the minimum number of nurses
on duty at 10am weekends

39% Offer at least two types of therapy
7 days a week†

Patient & carer engagement



40% Undertake a formal survey seeking
patient/carers views on stroke service

Quality improvement & leadership



46% Have responsibility for audit results
taken at management level

*MRI Magnetic Resonance Imaging

**TIA Transient Ischemic Attack

† Includes occupational therapy, physiotherapy and speech and language therapy