SENTINEL STROKE NATIONAL AUDIT PROGRAMME (SSNAP)

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SSNAP UPDATES

Results publicly available
Inpatient and community team results for the October-December and July-December 2018 reporting periods are now available, including the full results portfolio and slide decks. National and Regional reporting outputs including the Easy Access Version report are now publicly available and can be shared outside the NHS.

Most Effective National Clinical Audit 2018
SSNAP have been voted the Most Effective National Clinical Audit for the 9th year in a row in the Clinical Audit Support Centre (CASC) annual survey. Thank you to all our SSNAP users for your continued participation and determination over the years – the audit would not be possible without you!

AMBULANCE LINKAGE PROJECT

Using a newly developed feature of the webtool, ambulance teams will retrospectively enter pre-hospital information. This will be completed for patients with records entered and locked on SSNAP by acute teams.

In preparation for this, we have developed core variable questions, created help notes to assist with standardised data entry and started piloting the webtool internally and externally. Next steps will be to move this testing to the live site and finalise all updates ahead of the **April 2019** launch date. The latest project update can be found here.

"Other ambulance service" has been added as an option to Q1.12.1. As Ambulance Trusts will be entering data for records assigned to their team, this option should be chosen when a patient is conveyed by an ambulance not listed.

Ambulance trusts will use the CAD number to find records on SSNAP and so it important that Q1.12.2 is completed and entered accurately wherever possible. A CAD number breakdown is now available in the 72h cohort tab in the results portfolio, showing the number of eligible records for which a team has entered the CAD number.

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IAT DATA ENTRY UPDATE

After listening to feedback from users and intensive development of the SSNAP analysis processes, we are changing the way records are started for thrombectomy cases. Previously due to the way analysis is performed we required the thrombectomy-performing team to start the record on SSNAP, however for records with a clock start of **1 April 2019 or later** the admitting team will start the record for these cases, meaning the first team to admit a patient will <u>always start</u> the SSNAP record. We can now endeavour to allocate the initial processes of care to the admitting team.

For April 2017-March 2018, 86651 stroke cases were recorded on SSNAP – 90%+ of all stroke cases in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Can we maintain this high level of participation this year? The annual data-locking deadline is the 7 May 2019!

90%+

KEY DATES

7th May 2019
<u>Inpatient team</u> data-locking deadline for the January-March 2018 reporting period.

April 2018 – March 2019 <u>annual</u> data-locking deadline for all SSNAP teams.

April 2019
Ambulance trusts will begin entering pre-hospital data for patients recorded as arriving by ambulance.

3 June 2019
Data collection for Acute Organisational Audit 2019 due to start.

RESEARCH CORNER

[New analysis](#) from Professor Steve Morris and Professor Naomi Fulop found that centralising acute stroke services reduces mortality rates and shortens the length of hospital stay. The research finds an extra 69 lives are saved every year as a result of further service centralisation in Greater Manchester and improvements in London have been sustained over time.

RESULTS PORTFOLIO CHANGES OVER TIME

For each tab in the Results Portfolio, teams will now see the data for the previous 3 reporting periods in addition to the current period. This allows easy comparison with previously results – especially useful for quality improvement projects! This period the Portfolio includes December 2017 – March 2018 results. Please ensure you use these results with caution, as you will be comparing 4 months against 3 months.

If you have found this new feature useful, please email the Helpdesk on ssnap@kcl.ac.uk

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