

Line of sight: National recommendations, report evidence and related national guidance

SSNAP State of the Nation Report 2024: Stroke care received between April 2023 to March 2024

	Recommendation (R) <i>(Audience)</i>	Report findings underlying this recommendation	Page	Related national guidance
R1	Collaborate in regional networks to reduce the time from stroke onset to hospital and subsequently to specialist care on a stroke unit. <i>For action by: Integrated Stroke Delivery Networks (ISDNs) and Local Health Boards (LHBS).</i>	The median onset to arrival time at first hospital has increased from 3h55m in 2022/23 to 4h00m in 2023/24, and 3h15m in 2019/20.	Page 3: fig. 1	National Clinical Guideline for Stroke 2023 NHS England National Stroke Service Model 2021
R2	Increase the proportion of patients receiving the appropriate imaging immediately on arrival at hospital, to accelerate the identification of patients eligible for hyperacute interventions. <i>For action by: ISDNs, LHBS and Regional Radiology Networks</i>	The proportion of patients receiving brain imaging within 1 hour of arrival has increased to 59.5% in 2023/24 compared to 56.9% in 2022/23.	Page 3: fig. 2	National Clinical Guideline for Stroke 2023 NICE guideline NG128: Stroke and TIA in over 16s NHS England National Stroke Service Model 2021 [National Optimal Stroke Imaging Pathway]
R3	Restore timely access to hyperacute specialist inpatient care for stroke <i>For action by: Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) and LHBS</i>	The proportion of patients accessing timely specialist stroke care has improved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 46.7% patients directly admitted to a stroke unit within 4 hours in 2023/24 compared to 40.2% in 2022/23 75.9% patients spending at least 90% of their stay on a stroke unit in 2023/24 compared to 72.8% in 2022/23 <p>These figures compare to 44.4% and 76.5% respectively for 2021/22.</p>	Page 6: fig. 7 and fig. 8	National Clinical Guideline for Stroke 2023 NICE Quality Standard 2 (QS2): Stroke in adults NHS Long Term Plan 2019

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R4	<p>Support the shift to leaving hospital much sooner and at an earlier stage in rehabilitation by providing equitable access to needs-based integrated 7-day rehabilitation along the whole pathway.</p> <p><i>For action by: ICBs and LHBs</i></p>	<p>The proportion of patients discharged with a stroke/neurology specific service (ESD and/or CRT) has increased to 63.4% in 2023/24 compared to 61% in 2022/23.</p>	<p>Page 7: fig. 9</p>	<p>NICE Quality Standard 2 (QS2): Stroke in adults</p> <p>National Clinical Guideline for Stroke 2023</p> <p>NHS England National Stroke Service Model 2021</p> <p>Welsh Government Quality statement for stroke 2021</p> <p>NHS England Integrated community stroke service model 2022</p>
R5	<p>Respond to the need for ongoing support and regular review when recovering from life-changing effects of acute stroke and ensure that all stroke survivors receive formal follow-up 6 months after their stroke, with further support made available for those identified with ongoing needs.</p> <p><i>For action by: ICBs and LHBs</i></p>	<p>The proportion of patients receiving a 6-month stroke review has remained stable at 39% in 2022/23 and 2023/24.</p>	<p>Page 8: fig. 10</p>	<p>National Clinical Guideline for Stroke 2023</p> <p>NHS England National Stroke Service Model 2021</p> <p>NICE Quality Standard 2 (QS2): Stroke in adults</p>