

# SSNAP Dataset Changes 2024

Scoring, key indicators and  
domains

**SSNAP**

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# **Introduction**

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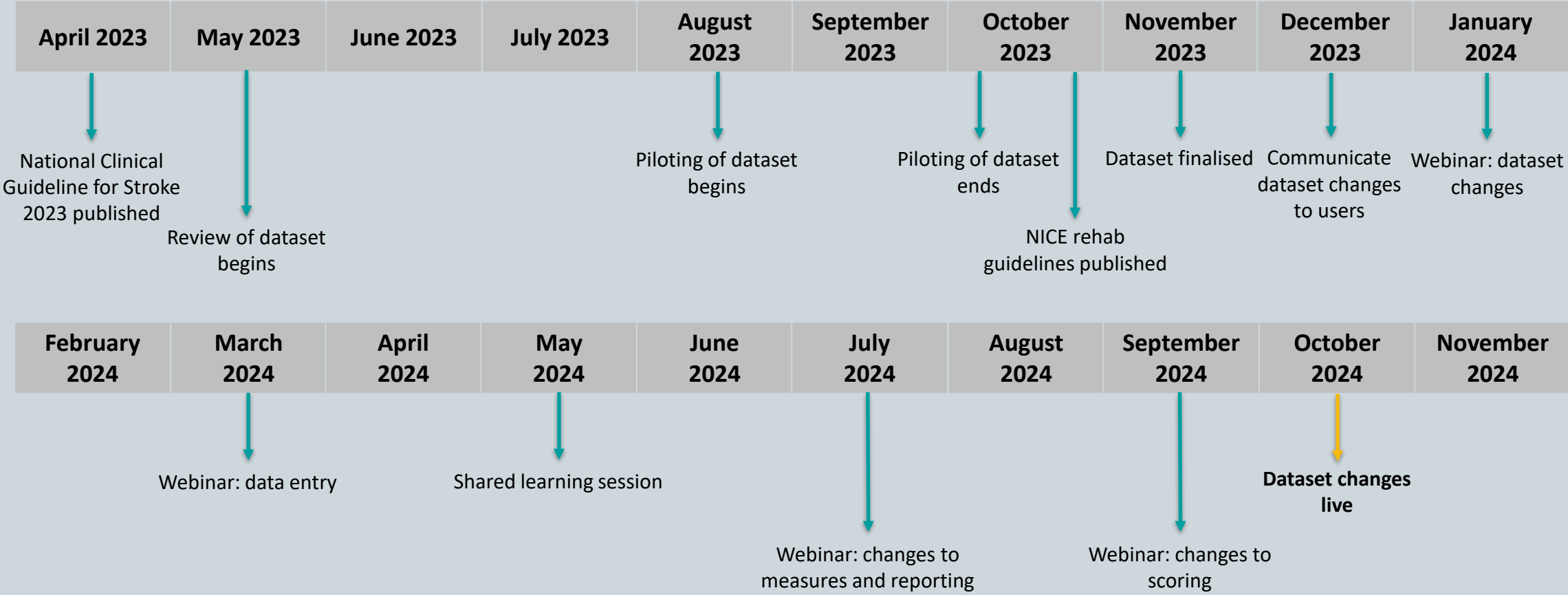


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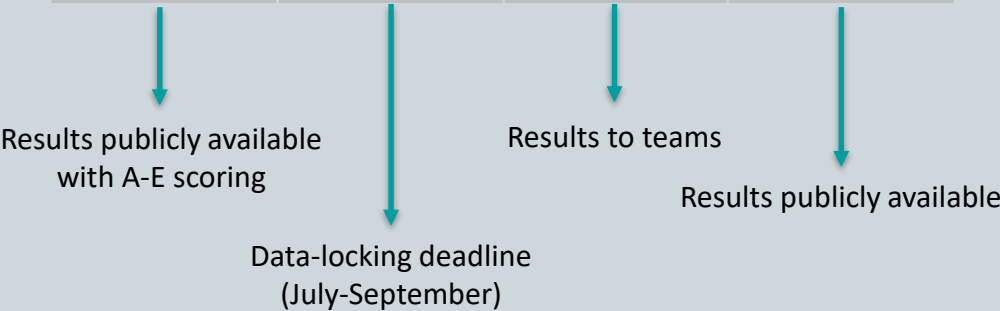
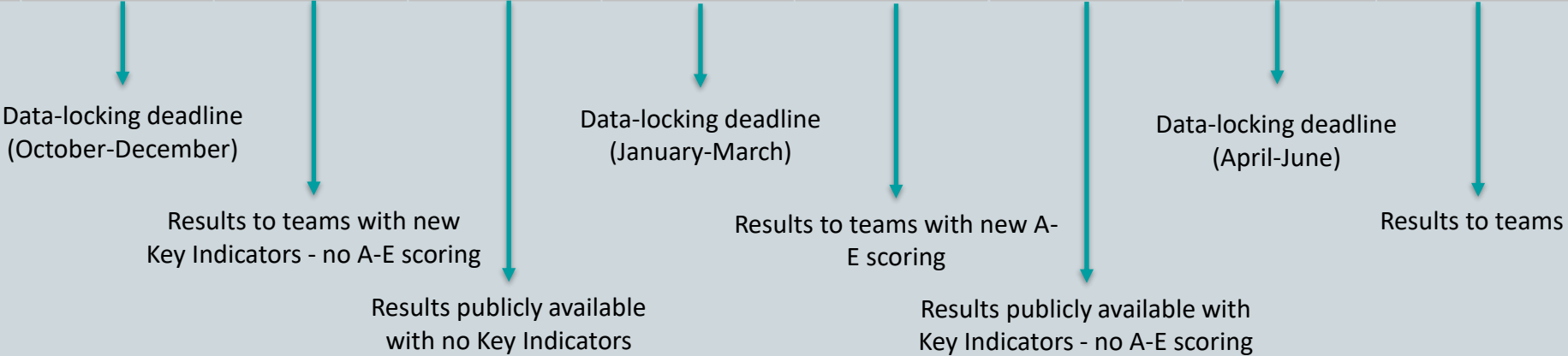
## **Timeline of dataset changes**

# What has happened so far..





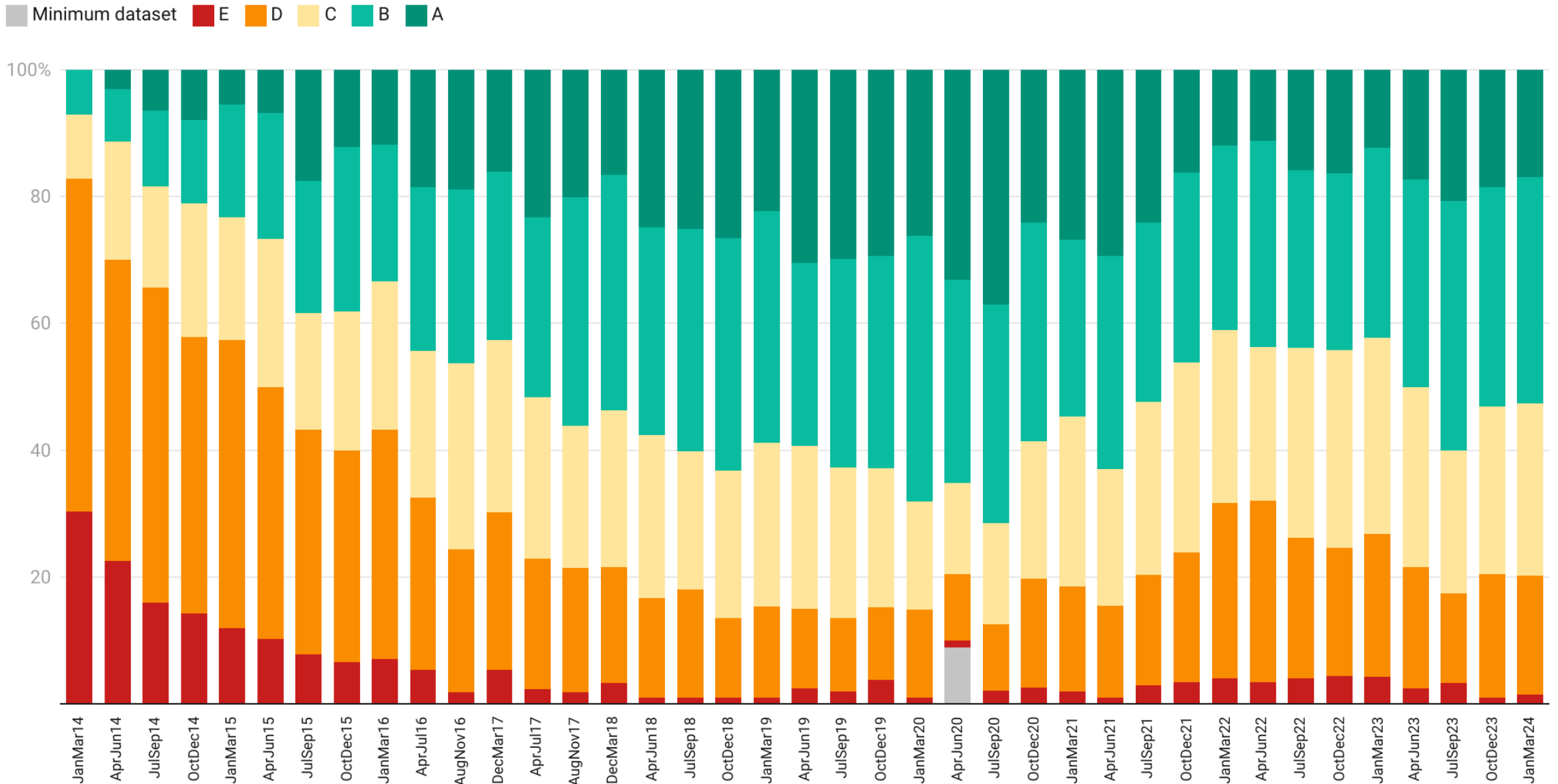
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## **Brief overview of scoring**



# Changes in acute SSNAP scores over time



# Changes in guidelines and standards

## NATIONAL CLINICAL GUIDELINE FOR STROKE

for the United Kingdom and Ireland

2023 edition



[www.strokeguideline.org](http://www.strokeguideline.org)



**NICE** National Institute for  
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## Stroke rehabilitation in adults

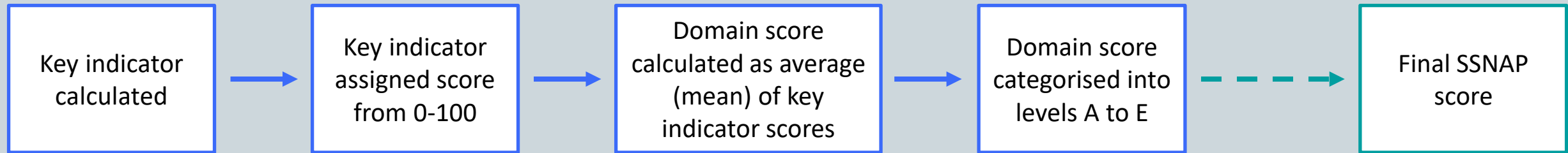
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# Scoring flowchart



*For most key indicators, the score is the percentage achieved. Where this is not appropriate (e.g. if the indicator is a median time), a score is attributed based on performance of the key indicator.*



*The score required to achieve A-E is not the same for each domain.*



The method used to calculate a team-level score **has not** changed.



The key indicators, domains and how key indicators are organised into domains **have** changed.

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## **Domains and key indicators**

# Domains

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**1. Hyperacute assessment**

**2. Specialist pathway**

**3. Reperfusion**

**4. MDT assessment**

**5. Therapy intensity**

**6. Therapy frequency**

**7. Standards by discharge**

# Domain 1: Hyperacute assessment

Indicator name	How to achieve a score of 100	How to achieve a score of 0
1.1 Percentage of patients scanned within 20 minutes of clock start	40%	0%
1.2 Median time between clock start and scan (hours:mins)	Less than 45 minutes	8 hours or longer
1.3 Percentage of patients given CTA on first imaging visit	25%	0%
1.4 Percentage of wake-up strokes and strokes with unknown onset time given CTA, CTP or MRI on first imaging visit	80%	0%
1.5 Percentage of patients assessed by a stroke-skilled clinician (including consultant) within 1 hour of clock start	100%	0%
1.6 Percentage of patients assessed by a nurse trained in stroke management within 4 hours of clock start	100%	0%
1.7 Percentage of applicable patients who were given a swallow screen within 4 hours of clock start	100%	0%

# Domain 1: Hyperacute assessment

Domain level	Average score to achieve A-E
A	90
B	80
C	70
D	60
E	<60

The domain score is calculated as the average (mean) of the key indicator scores.

The domain is then assigned a level based on the domain score and these thresholds.

The expectation is **not** that a team achieves 100 for each indicator.



## Domain 2: Specialist pathway

Indicator name	How to achieve a score of 100	How to achieve a score of 0
2.1 Percentage of patients directly admitted to a stroke unit within 4 hours of clock start	100%	0%
2.2 Median time between clock start and arrival on stroke unit (hours:mins)	Less than 60 minutes	8 hours or longer
2.3 Percentage of patients who spent at least 90% of their stay on stroke unit	100%	0%
2.4 Percentage of patients treated by a stroke specialist community rehabilitation team (ESD, CRT or combined)	80%	0%

## Domain 2: Specialist pathway

Domain level	Average score to achieve A-E
A	90
B	80
C	70
D	60
E	<60

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# Domain 3: Reperfusion

Indicator name	How to achieve a score of 100	How to achieve a score of 0
3.1 Percentage of all stroke patients given thrombolysis	20%	0%
3.2 Percentage of stroke patients with extended indications for thrombolysis given thrombolysis	30%	0%
3.3 Percentage of stroke patients given thrombolysis (within 4h) compared with bespoke site-specific target	100%	0%
3.4 Median time between clock start and thrombolysis (hours:mins)	Less than 30 minutes	120 minutes or longer
3.5 Percentage of all patients given thrombectomy	10%	0%
3.6 Median time between arrival and discharge at first admitting team (door-in-door-out) for patients receiving thrombectomy (hours:mins)	Less than 45 minutes	6 hours or longer
3.7 Median time between arrival at thrombectomy centre and arterial puncture (door to puncture) (hours:mins)	Less than 45 minutes	6 hours or longer

# Domain 3: Reperfusion

Domain level	Average score to achieve A-E
A	85
B	75
C	65
D	55
E	<55

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# Domain 4: MDT assessment

Indicator name	How to achieve a score of 100	How to achieve a score of 0
4.1 Percentage of patients assessed by a stroke specialist consultant within 14 hours of clock start	100%	0%
4.2 Percentage of applicable patients who were given a formal swallow assessment within 24 hours of clock start	100%	0%
4.3 Percentage of applicable patients assessed by an occupational therapist within 24 hours of clock start	100%	0%
4.4 Percentage of applicable patients assessed by a physiotherapist within 24 hours of clock start	100%	0%
4.5 Percentage of applicable patients assessed by a speech and language therapist within 72 hours of clock start	100%	0%

# Domain 4: MDT assessment

Domain level	Average score to achieve A-E
A	80
B	70
C	60
D	50
E	<50

The domain score is calculated as the average (mean) of the key indicator scores.

The domain is then assigned a level based on the domain score and these thresholds.

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# Domain 5: Therapy intensity

Indicator name	How to achieve a score of 100	How to achieve a score of 0
5.1 Percentage of applicable patients who are assessed by a nurse within 4 hours AND occupational therapist and physiotherapist within 24 hours AND speech and language therapist within 72 hours AND have rehab goals agreed within 5 days	100%	0%
5.2 Percentage of patients achieving the NICE target for total therapy dose received	46%	0%
5.3 Median number of minutes of total therapy received per day the patient is an inpatient	128 minutes/day or more	0 minutes/day



# Domain 5: Therapy intensity

Domain level	Average score to achieve A-E
A	50
B	40
C	30
D	20
E	<20

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The domain is then assigned a level based on the domain score and these thresholds.

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# Domain 6: Therapy frequency

Indicator name	How to achieve a score of 100	How to achieve a score of 0
6.1 Percentage of patients receiving 3 hours of motor therapy per day motor therapy received	70%	0%
6.2 Median percentage of days as an inpatient on which motor therapy is received	100%	0%
6.3 Percentage of patients receiving 45 minutes of psychological therapy per day psychological therapy received	100%	0%
6.4 Median percentage of days as an inpatient on which psychological therapy is received	100%	0%
6.5 Percentage of patients receiving 45 minutes of communication/swallowing therapy per day communication/swallowing therapy received	100%	0%
6.6 Median percentage of days as an inpatient on which communication/swallowing therapy is received	100%	0%

# Domain 6: Therapy frequency

Domain level	Average score to achieve A-E
A	tbc
B	tbc
C	tbc
D	tbc
E	tbc

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# Domain 7: Standards by discharge

Indicator name	How to achieve a score of 100	How to achieve a score of 0
7.1 Percentage of applicable patients screened for nutrition and seen by a dietitian by discharge (or seen by a dietitian before screening)	100%	0%
7.2 Infection rate: percentage of patients with a urinary tract infection in the first 7 days and percentage of patients given antibiotics for newly acquired pneumonia in the first 7 days	Sum of rates is between 0% and 10%	Sum of rates is more than 15%
7.3 Percentage of applicable patients who have mood screening by discharge	100%	0%
7.4 Percentage of applicable patients who have cognition screening by discharge	100%	0%
7.5 Percentage of applicable patients assessed by a psychologist by discharge	100%	0%
7.6 Percentage of applicable patients who have vision screening by discharge	100%	0%
7.7 Percentage of applicable patients assessed by an orthoptist by discharge (or have an orthoptic outpatient appointment scheduled by discharge)	100%	0%
7.8 Percentage of those patients discharged alive who are given a named contact for information, support and advice	100%	0%

# Domain 7: Standards by discharge

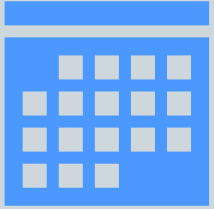
Domain level	Average score to achieve A-E
A	95
B	85
C	75
D	60
E	<60

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The expectation is **not** that a team achieves 100 for each indicator.

# Summary



Teams will not be scored on the first report. Teams will first receive scores in June 2025. The first scores that will be made public will be in October 2025



Some Key Indicators have been removed, however if we are still collecting the data the measure will still be included in the report



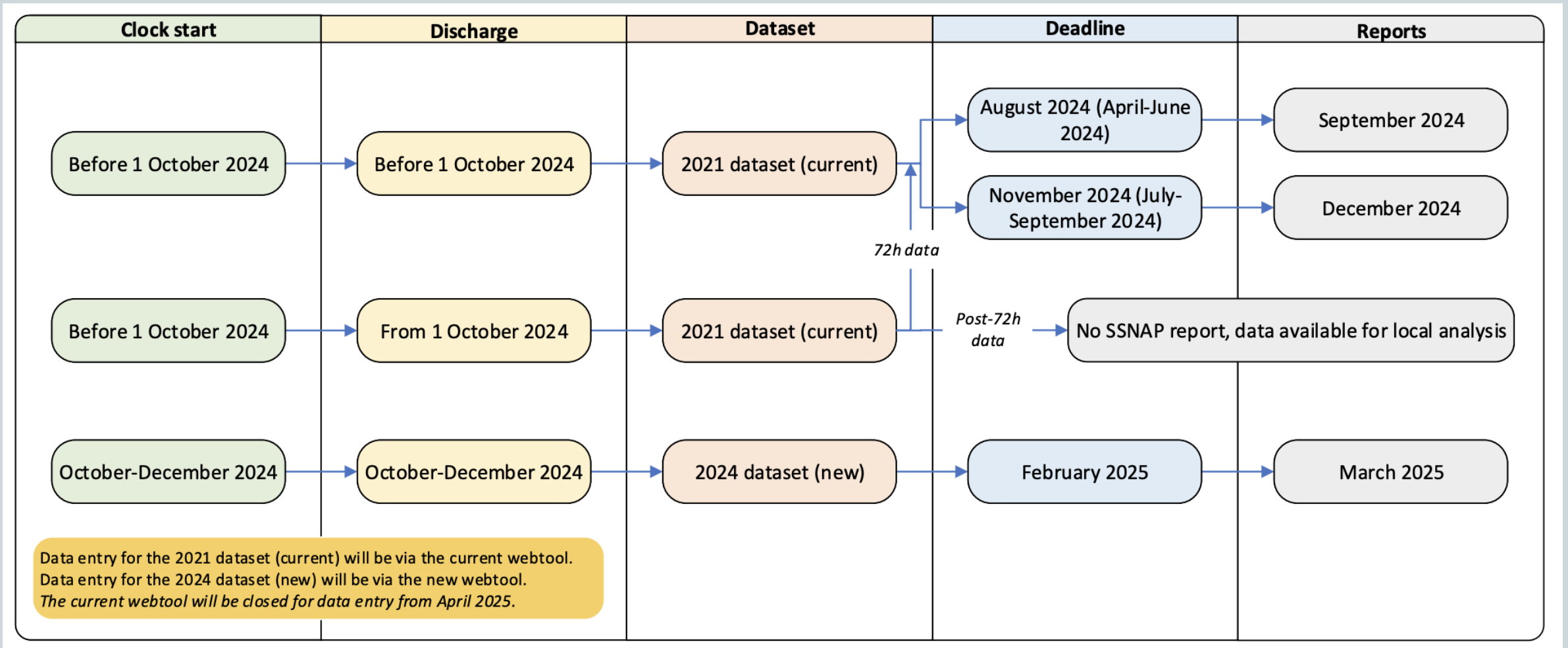
The process of scoring teams is remaining the same, it is just the Key Indicators and the Domains in which they sit which are being updated to reflect new guidance

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## **Resources and next steps**



# Webtool transition



# Preparation

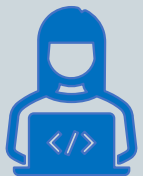
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Ensure data entry for those admitted and/or discharged between April and September 2024 is complete and locked prior to the 5 November 2024 data-locking deadline.



Review and make sure the list of users (and email addresses) registered for your team is up to date. Please let us know (via [ssnap@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:ssnap@kcl.ac.uk)) if any user should be removed from your team list or any email addresses need updating.



Review the resources available on the [SSNAP webtool](#), including the dataset and help notes, key steps checklist, previous webinars and FAQs.

# Scoring resources

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## Simplified technical guidance

- *Easy-to-follow steps for how each key indicator is calculated.*
- *Definitions of cohorts used in analysis and key terms*

## Scoring summary

- *Overview of how a SSNAP score is calculated and adjusted for case ascertainment and audit compliance*
- *Outline of which key indicators apply to each inpatient team types*

# Resources and Engagement

## Resources:

Question no	Question	Answer options	Guidance / definitions
7.6	If discharged home, is the patient:	Living alone; Not living alone; Not known	<i>Available if 7.1 = "Was discharged home" or 7.1.4 is "Home"</i>
7.7	Was the patient discharged with an Early Supported Discharge multidisciplinary team?	Yes, stroke/neurology specific; Yes, non-specialist; No	<p><i>Unavailable if 7.1 = "Died in hospital" OR "Was transferred to another inpatient care team" OR "Was transferred to another inpatient care team, not participating on SSNAP"</i></p> <p><u>An Early Supported Discharge (ESD) service provides ESD only to eligible patients. ESD is an intervention delivered by a coordinated, multidisciplinary team that facilitates the earlier transfer of care from hospital into the community and provides responsive (within 24 hours) and intensive stroke rehabilitation in the patient's place of residence over a fixed, time-limited period (e.g. 6 weeks).</u></p> <p><u>A stroke/neurology specific team is one which treats stroke patients or stroke and neurology patients and staff have specific knowledge and practical experience of stroke.</u></p> <p>If a patient is discharged to a standalone ESD service, please answer (as appropriate), either: "Yes, stroke/neurology specific" or "Yes, non-specialist" to Q7.7, and "No" to 7.8 and 7.8.1.</p>

The helpnotes are highlighted where the question has remained the same but the helpnote has been updated

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# Thank you

*Thank you to all the ambulance trusts, hospitals and community teams for continuing to participate in SSNAP. Their participation and commitment to the audit ensures that quality, rich data is available which can be used to improve stroke services.*

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