

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

From late November 2022, the SSNAP webtool ([www.strokeaudit.org](http://www.strokeaudit.org)) will not work on Internet Explorer. Since the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2022, Internet Explorer was no longer supported by Microsoft.

Following review by the Confidential Advisory Group at NHS Health Research Authority, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care has confirmed that SSNAP have been granted an exemption from the National data opt-out. You can view the updated patient resource information [here](#).

The core SSNAP helpnotes have been updated with wording from our help centre. They are now a more comprehensive guide to answering the proforma, we have also clarified the guidance for stroke consultant assessment and the use of telemedicine. Please check these out if you have any queries: [SSNAP helpnotes](#).

## RESEARCH

The posters we presented at ESOC in May 2022 are available here: <https://www.strokeaudit.org/Research/Posters.aspx>

We will be presenting at the World Stroke Congress in November, including talks on Stroke mimics, Impact of COVID waves on reperfusion therapy, and Impact of COVID on acute stroke services.

You can view all previous presentations on the strokeaudit.org website, click [here](#).

## RESULTS

Apr-Jun 2022 results are now publicly available, including:

**National Results:** All Teams Results Portfolio (Results > Clinical > National)

**Regional:** Regional Routinely Admitting Team Slidedeck (Results > Clinical > Regional (ISDN) and select region)

The annual (Apr 21-Mar 22) results are also available now:

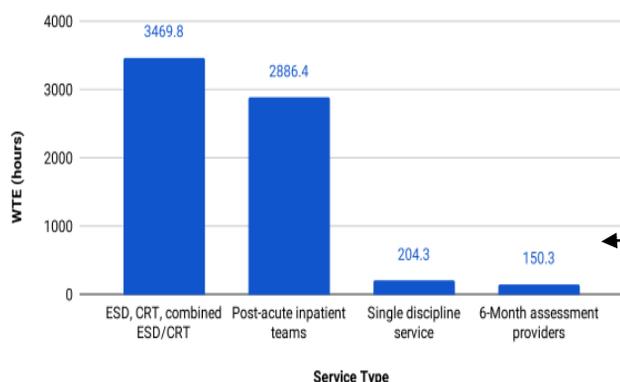
**Annual Results:** (Results > Clinical Audit > Annual)

These annual results include side-by-side data for the previous 5 years.

Please click [here](#) to view all results

Keep an eye out for publication of the SSNAP Annual Report.

**Figure 1.** Clinical staff whole time equivalent (WTE) hours per service type.



Graph from SSNAP ESOC poster: '[What are the opportunities and challenges of auditing post-acute stroke care?!](#)' This is showing total clinical staff workforce across post-acute providers.

## UPDATE ON THE STROKE ASSOCIATION PREMS PROJECT

The 'Engagement and Dissent' period runs from 20th October until 20th November 2022. During this time, clinical teams are being asked to make patients aware of the survey and its benefits but also to give them the option to opt out. Further details at <https://future.nhs.uk/strokecommunity>

All information governance requirements are now in place with Section 251 support being recommended by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, following advice from the Confidentiality Advisory Group (CAG), which provides the legal basis for Trusts to share confidential patient information to the external contractor without patient consent.

View a special message from Juliet Bouverie OBE, CEO Stroke Association; <https://future.nhs.uk/strokecommunity/grouphome>

### CRITICAL TIME STANDARDS

The shadow reporting phase for critical time standards for stroke commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022.

This requires routinely admitting teams to lock admissions to 72 hours on a monthly basis in order to capture data on the four CTS measures.

Participation is voluntary at the moment and requires teams to sign up

For more info please see the NHSE brief: [Critical Time Standards Brief](#).

**Sign up:** Email ([ssnap@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:ssnap@kcl.ac.uk)) with team code, team name and contact details.

### KEY APPROACHING DATES

Data locking deadlines:

**Inpatient teams:** 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 (July-September 2022 data).

**Non-inpatient teams:** 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 (July-December 2022 data).

**Ambulance teams:** 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 (June 2022 data) and 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 (July 2022 data).

**Critical Time Standards:** 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 (October 2022 data) and 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (November 2022 data)

All future deadlines could be found on: The [strokeaudit.org](http://strokeaudit.org) website.

## UK STROKE FORUM

This year marks the 25th anniversary of national stroke audit in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and the 20th anniversary of stroke audit in Scotland! All of our clinical directors will be presenting in the opening plenary, drop into our SSNAP booth and meet the team in person.

UKSF Programme Highlights:

Don't miss us at **9am on the 29<sup>th</sup> November** as SSNAP's clinical directors Professor Martin James, Dr Rebecca Fisher, Ms Louise Clark and Dr Ajay Bhalla present the opening plenary at this year's forum.

SSNAP E-posters:

How have acute stroke care staffing levels changed between 2019 and 2021? (SSNAP)  
How much rehabilitation is delivered by therapy assistants? Data from SSNAP.

