

# Data Provision Notice

## Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme (SSNAP) Data Collection

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## Background

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 (the Act) gives the Health and Social Care Information Centre, now known as NHS Digital and hereafter referred to by this name, statutory powers, under section 259(1), to require or request data from organisations, where it has been directed to establish an information system by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care (the Secretary of State) or NHS England (NHS England).

The data, as specified by NHS Digital in this published Data Provision Notice, is required to support a Direction from the Secretary of State to NHS Digital. Therefore, organisations that are in scope of the notice are requested, under section 259(1)(b) of the Act, to provide the data in the form and manner specified below.

## Purpose of the collection

The Secretary of State has directed NHS Digital to collect and analyse data in connection with COVID-19 to support the Secretary of State's response to COVID-19 and support various COVID-19 purposes set out in the [COVID-19 Public Health Directions 2020, 17 March 2020](#) (as amended) (**COVID-19 Direction**).

NHS Digital is requesting that the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) provide NHS Digital initially with a one-off delivery of the Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme (SSNAP) data set.

The primary collector for this data set is King's College London, acting as Data Processor for HQIP and NHS England who are joint Controllers of them.

The SSNAP data is required by NHS Digital to support COVID-19 requests for linkage and analysis. These requests are often urgent and in support of direct care and service monitoring, planning and research. These are all functions that NHS Digital has been asked to deliver as a national resource in response to COVID-19, through the COVID-19 Direction.

## Benefits of the collection

This data set will support vital analysis, linkage and sharing of data including:

- COVID-19 outcomes and treatments
- COVID-19 medical research.

The collection will also reduce duplication of data collection across NHS resources and reduce burden on NHS organisations.

## Legal basis for the collection, analysis, and dissemination

### Collection and Analysis

NHS Digital has been directed by the Secretary of State under section 254 of the Act to establish and operate a system for the collection and analysis of the information specified for

this service for COVID-19 purposes. A copy of the Direction is published here:  
<https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notices/secretary-of-state-directions/covid-19-public-health-directions-2020>

This information is requested by NHS Digital under section 259(1)(b) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

In line with section 259(1)(b) of the Act, all organisations in England that are within the scope of this Data Provision Notice, as identified below under Health and Social Care Bodies within the scope of the collection, are requested to provide information to NHS Digital in the form, manner and period specified in this Data Provision Notice.

This Notice is issued in accordance with the procedure published as part of NHS Digital's duty under section 259(8) of the Act.

### **Dissemination**

NHS Digital has various powers to disseminate data obtained under the COVID-19 Direction to appropriate organisations for COVID-19 purposes under section 261 of the Act. NHS Digital has also been served Notice by the Secretary of State under Regulation 3(4) of the Health Service (Control of Patient Information Regulations) 2002 (COPI) to disseminate confidential patient information to organisations permitted to process confidential patient information under Regulation 3(3) of COPI for the purposes set out in Regulation 3(1) of COPI to support the Secretary of State's response to COVID-19 (NHS Digital COPI Notice).

NHS Digital will only share data with other organisations where this is necessary for a COVID-19 purpose and where those other organisations have a lawful basis to process the data.

NHS Digital currently intends to disseminate the data to NHS England to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to monitor and manage outbreaks of COVID-19 and incidents of exposure to COVID-19 through gaining insights into the stroke care pathway and to support the planning and operational response in regards to the impact of COVID-19.

NHS Digital may also make the data available to authorised third parties who have a legal basis to carry out such analysis for a COVID-19 purpose.

## **Persons consulted**

NHS Digital has, as required under section 258 of the Act, consulted with the following persons:

- NHS England
- HQIP.

## **Health and Social Care Bodies within the scope of the collection**

Under section 259(1)(b) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, this Notice is served in accordance with the procedure published as part of the NHS Digital duty under section 259(8) on the following persons:

- Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP).

Under section 259(5) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 the organisation types specified in the above Scope must comply with the Form, Manner and Period requirements below.

## Form of the collection

The collection will contain a single data set, as described here on the HQIP website: [Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme \(SSNAP\)](#).

The data to be collected will be for the period from January 2018 onwards, for English records only, and is outlined in the data specification published alongside this Data Provision Notice: <https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notices/data-provision-notices-dpns/sentinel-stroke-ssnap-data-set>

## Manner of the collection

The data set will be transferred to NHS Digital via the NHS Digital Secure Electronic File Transfer (SEFT), the Message Exchange for Social Care and Health (MESH) or S3 mechanisms by HQIP (or their data processor).

There will be an initial collection of historic data (covering from January 2018 to present), followed by monthly collections of up-to-date data. If changes are required to this schedule, NHS Digital will agree with HQIP the frequency and manner of any subsequent collections.

Once collected, the data will be stored in the NHS Digital Data Management Environment (DME) in line with the COVID-19 Direction.

## Period of the collection

The data collection is due to commence during July 2020 on the specific date to be agreed with HQIP. The data will be held by NHS Digital for as long as is necessary for the COVID-19 purposes outlined above

## Burden of the collection

A burden assessment has not taken place for this collection. The urgent requirement for the data for COVID-19 purposes outweighs the requirement for a burden assessment to take place.