

East Midlands Integrated Stroke Delivery Network



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PREMS - Patient Reported Experience Measures

*A ground-breaking project made possible by the Stroke Association working in partnership with NHS
England*

The Stroke Association and NHS England are pleased to announce that both the National Report and Local ICB and teams reports for Stroke Patient Reported Experience Measures (PREMs) survey 2022/23 is now available. It is now launched on SSNAP - Home (strokeaudit.org) and also can be accessed on <https://www.stroke.org.uk/prems2022>. You can [view the Stroke PREMs 2022/23 National Report](#). The stroke association have also produced an aphasia friendly version of the key findings from the report, available to view here: [PREMs key messages aphasia friendly version](#).

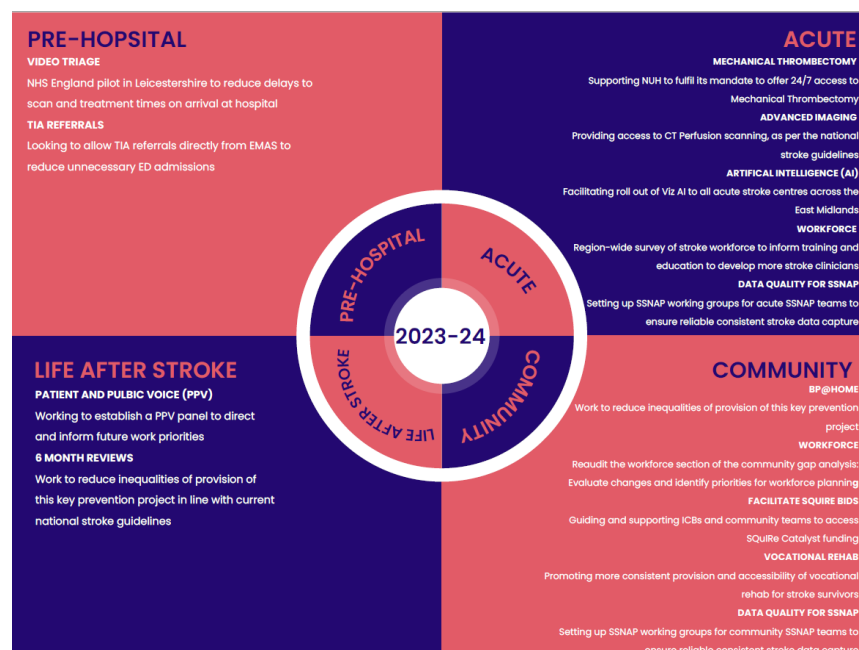
There was a national launch event held on Tuesday 5 September 2023, which was hosted by Juliet Bouverie OBE, Stroke Association CEO, and Dr Deb Lowe National Clinical Director for Stroke Medicine, NHS England.

This exciting report will enable the stroke community to start quality improvement conversations along the whole care pathway.

If you are unable to access this report and feel you should have access please contact SSNAP helpdesk.

ISDN Priorities - 2023-2024

At the end of June, we shared our "Year in Review" document with the ICBs, highlighting some of the successes that have been achieved in stroke care last year. This month, we shared our work plan priorities, detailing the areas of work the ISDN will be focussing on over the coming 6 months.



We welcome any thoughts, comments or suggestions you may have around other priorities where we could perhaps help.

Pre-Hospital Video Triage

In the August newsletter we reported that the ISDN had submitted a bid to take part in this NHS England-funded pilot scheme. We are delighted to report that our bid was successful, and work shall begin this month with EMAS and University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust to kick this project off.

It is hoped this innovative way of working will bring about a reduction in the time taken to begin treatment of stroke patients, as well as hoping to reduce unnecessary conveyances to hospital for stroke mimics. Stroke consultants at Leicester Royal Infirmary will be able to take part in a video triage consultation with suspected FAST+ve stroke patients whilst the ambulance crew are still on scene. Initial results from other Trusts which have already taken part in similar trials are producing very encouraging results and we hope to build on this in the East Midlands.

BP@Home

Hypertension is known to be the most prevalent risk factor for stroke, and there is strong evidence to link blood pressure and secondary stroke. Provision of active hypertension management was found to be varied across the region, which was why the ISDN decided to pick this up as part of our health inequalities agenda.

Earlier this year we reported that the ISDN had purchased and distributed 500 blood pressure monitors across the region and a number of our community stroke teams have now started handing these monitors out to stroke patients as part of the scheme. We held our first BP@Home working group meeting this week to re-emphasise the rationale for the project and provide a forum for discussion amongst the teams to help other teams to get up and running with the project. These meetings will continue on a monthly basis to provide ongoing peer support and guidance – please let us know if you feel you would like to join these meetings but don't have an invite!

Some teams have provided their initial data submissions and we look forward to reporting soon on the initial outcomes from the project.

Spotlight on the SQuIRE

- This year's SQuIRE Catalyst funding opportunity was highly competitive.
- Across England 77 bids were received and 29 were awarded funding by the national stroke programme.
- 18 project bids (in 15 Expression of Interest forms) were received in the Midlands.
- 10 out of the 11 ICSs submitted bids for SQuIRE catalyst funding.
- Following scoring (against the national criteria) by the regional SQuIRE Lead and one SQuIRE Lead from another region, 9 projects were presented at the Regional Funding Review Meeting on 20th July.
- Projects not presented at the regional meeting were out of scope of the national criteria and/or did not have an ICB supporting statement.
- 6 projects were shortlisted for presentation at the national catalyst funding allocation meeting (with representation from senior team at national stroke programme) on 27th July 2023.
- 1 project from the East Midlands was successful:
 - NHS Nottingham & Nottinghamshire ICB - Regional Vocational Rehab pilot: ICS wide joint service across Nottingham & Nottinghamshire ICS
 - Pilot an ICS-wide regional VR service across the ICS with increase in training and support for level 2 interventions across the community teams.

SQuIRE has its own workspace on FutureNHS. You can join it here: [Stroke Quality Improvement for Rehabilitation Hub - FutureNHS Collaboration Platform](#) to find out about the current Catalyst projects taking place across all 7 NHS regions in England.

MECHANICAL THROMBECTOMY



As reported in last month's newsletter, the Stroke Association recently sent out their "Saving Brains" update. This highlighted the significant variation in thrombectomy rates across the country, with the Midlands currently falling well short of the national 10% target. The 3 Midlands ISDNs have been invited to attend an MT summit next month where we will have the opportunity to highlight some of improvement work already underway in the Midlands, as well as the chance to escalate to the national team some of the challenges facing our region which need addressing.

RCP BENCHMARKING TOOL

**NATIONAL CLINICAL
GUIDELINE FOR STROKE**
for the United Kingdom and Ireland

All the community services across the Midlands have been asked to complete a benchmarking exercise to review the services against the new RCP guidelines. This will enable the ISDNs to better understand services and identify themes and trends to tailor support and quality improvement conversations. The ISDNs have received requests for the extension of this exercise to include the acute aspect of the pathway. Work is underway to support this.

SY ISDN COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE – PEER SUPPORT ROLES IN STROKE



Leanna Luxton, Northamptonshire Community Stroke Team Lead and Programme Manager for NHSE/I Stroke and Emily and David, Peer Support Workers from Northampton Community Stroke Team lead a community of practice in our neighbouring ISDN on the importance and impact of Peer Support roles in Stroke. This was very well received and sparked conversations around the vision, purpose, benefits and challenges and how this can be embedded in Stroke services to enhance patient care.

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