

# We collect and use information about you

## This helps us to improve stroke care

We take out names and addresses from this information

**More than 6000 people in Greater Manchester  
have a stroke each year**

We want to improve their treatment by...



- **being better at recognising** when a stroke has happened
- giving the right treatment **quickly**
- **improving** the **treatment we give**
- **reducing the risk** of another stroke

**It will help if we collect and use information in a better way**

**At the moment** there is information



...from **different places** and **different people**

...about what happens in the **ambulance**, from **hospitals**

and **GP records**, and from **brain scans**

**We need...**

...to link the information with new technology

...to link the information together especially from different health and social care services

We want to see the **whole picture**



**what happens** to each person after a stroke

what happens across all of **Greater Manchester**

we will then know more about **what needs to improve**

we can **plan for better care** from people with a stroke

## Our work at the moment...

...helping **paramedics** to identify if someone is having a stroke so they will take people



to the **right hospital**  
at the **right time**  
for the **right care** for them

...helping **Doctors & Nurses** to use specialist **apps** on phones or tablet computers



The apps will help the **neurosurgery** team to quickly give the **right treatment**

**This is important for** people who have had a stroke caused by a **bleed in the brain**



An **app** is a software programme  
It is usually used with phones, tablets and laptops



...making **sure** that everyone who has had a stroke has **treatment and support** to **reduce** the **risk** of another stroke

## Who can see the information we collect?



Some people already see this information - such as GPs and staff working in stroke care

The **staff** in this project and **people working to improve stroke care** will see it too

Before we use the information -



- **we take out people's names and addresses**

We give **each person a unique number**

**No one can link this number with the person**

In this way we know **what happens** to people but **not who they are**

[www.connectedhealthcities.org/greater-manchester](http://www.connectedhealthcities.org/greater-manchester)

The website will tell you...

- **who we are and what we do**
- **how we use anonymous patient information**

If you don't want us to use your information  
**contact the NHS Trust where you received your care**

## Who is doing this work?

We are part of **Connected Health Cities**

-a project to improve the health of people across the North of England

There are **many groups** working together as part of this project

There are **many topics** for this work

The information in this leaflet is about part of the project

-stroke care in Greater Manchester

The Department of Health pays for this work



## What is a stroke?



The **brain needs blood**

**Blood** keeps the **brain working**

The **blood supply** can **stop**

Then the brain is **damaged**

This can happen suddenly - it is called **a stroke**

It can happen due to



**a clot**



**or a bleed**

The **brain** controls **everything we do**

**movement**

**emotions**



**communication**

**thinking**

**A stroke can cause difficulty with some or  
all of these**

**Everybody's stroke is different**