



Improving stroke services in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Factsheet: Sedgemoor District

We have analysed stroke services and travel time and propose that people in the Sedgemoor District (North of Somerset), who experience a stroke or suspected stroke, would receive emergency and acute care at Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The proposals are in keeping with the NHS's intention to deliver the right care, in the right place, at the right time.

The consultation document sets out the proposed changes for stroke services in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire – and more detail can be found in the Pre-Consultation Business Case.

1. What happens at the moment?

Currently, patients living in the Sedgemoor area are taken to Weston General Hospital during its hours of operation (9am-5pm Monday to Friday).

Outside of these times, patients in the Sedgemoor area are taken to either Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton or Southmead Hospital, whichever is closest.

2. What are the proposed changes?

For those living in the Sedgemoor area, the proposed changes mean that people would be taken straight to a specialist Hyper-Acute Stroke Unit at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton.

3. Could I go to Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton or Southmead Hospital?

Patients requiring emergency treatment are taken to their closest Hyper-Acute Stroke Unit (HASU). In the proposals, patients from the Sedgemoor area will be taken to Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton.

National evidence shows the immediate transfer of patients to a specialist HASU, where specialist clinicians are able to provide the latest stroke treatments, improves patient outcomes such as minimising brain damage and reducing levels of disability.

Paramedics do also take into account traffic and how busy local hospitals are when they make their decision about where they take people. Whilst our expectation is that people in the Sedgemoor area will be taken to Musgrove Park Hospital, there may be exceptions to this and will be dependent on the ambulance crew decision regarding live distance and travel times.

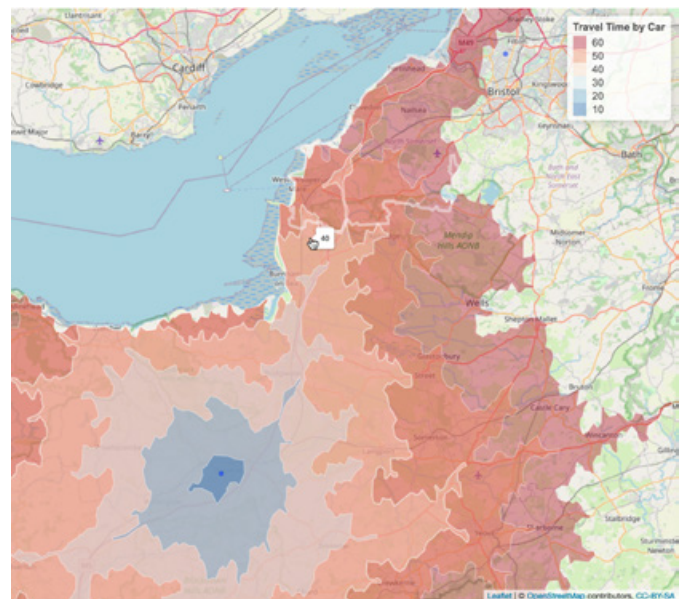
4. Can I choose which hospital I go to?

The ambulance service will use clinical best practice and judgement to ensure people are taken to the most appropriate hospital that can provide specialist services.

5. How long will it take my family or friends to visit?

Analysis shows that it will take between 40-50 minutes for residents of Sedgemoor to visit Musgrove Park Hospital.

The following map shows approximate travel time to Musgrove Park hospital. This is based on a car journey, with journey times calculated by CCG business intelligence colleagues using openrouteservice.org.



If you would like to find out more detail for your particular postcode please email bnsssg.strokeprogramme@nhs.net

6. Do I get access to the same specialist treatment as someone in Bristol?

Yes – people will be taken to the nearest specialist treatment centre, known as a HASU.

7. Is the quality of care as good at Musgrove Park Hospital as Southmead Hospital?

The NHS aspires to deliver optimal quality of care, regardless of where you receive treatment. Both Musgrove Park Hospital and Southmead Hospital would have specialist Hyper-Acute Stroke Units.

8. Where would I go for acute or ongoing hospital care?

Under the proposals, people from Sedgemoor District would continue their acute hospital stay at Musgrove Park Hospital.

9. What inpatient rehabilitation options are there for people in Sedgemoor?

Under the proposals, people from Sedgemoor District would continue their recovery at the proposed Stroke Sub-Acute Rehabilitation Unit on the Weston General Hospital site once emergency and acute treatment had finished.

10. If I am visiting outside of where I live and I have a stroke, where will I go?

People will be taken to their nearest Hyper-Acute Stroke Unit for emergency treatment. On some occasions, people may be repatriated to their more local hospital for ongoing care and treatment.

Have your say

Now you can have your say as part of the public consultation:

- We need to hear your views on our proposed changes
Have Your Say About Stroke Services Survey (surveymonkey.co.uk)
- We have more information on our website.
<https://bnssghealthiertogether.org.uk/stroke-services/>
- You can also email, telephone or post a letter if you have any questions or want to tell us what you think:
 - Email us:
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 - Call us: **0117 900 3432**
 - Write to us: **Freepost STROKE CONSULTATION**

We need to hear from you by **12pm on 3 September 2021**.