

IRISH NATIONAL AUDIT OF STROKE ORGANISATIONAL AUDIT 2021

ORGANISATION OF EMERGENCY STROKE SERVICES



24 STROKE UNITS

An increase from 21 stroke units in 2015



2 endovascular thrombectomy (EVT) stroke centres provide a thrombectomy service for acute stroke 24/7



92% of hospitals provide a thrombolysis service 24/7



46% of hospitals have availability of on-call stroke teams 24/7



63% of hospitals reported patients who were thrombolysed in ED are admitted to a CCU/HDU/ICU rather than a stroke unit

ORGANISATION OF STROKE UNITS

239 stroke unit beds



A 59% increase from 150 in 2015. However, on the day of survey completion, 16/24 (67%) hospitals had more patients with a stroke in the hospital than designated stroke unit beds



83%

of hospitals reported they have an in-house programme for continuing education in stroke management

100%

All hospitals have weekly multidisciplinary team (MDT) stroke meetings. However, a psychologist is represented at these meetings in only four (17%) hospitals

ORGANISATION OF HUMAN RESOURCES

88% of stroke units operate below the recommended nurse staffing level



29% had an ANP in stroke

53% of the recommended number of physiotherapists



92% had one or more CNS in stroke

57% of the recommended number of dieticians



45% of the recommended number of occupational therapists

66% of the recommended number of speech & language therapists



20% of the recommended number of clinical psychologists

ORGANISATION OF EARLY SUPPORTED DISCHARGE SERVICES

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10 Early Supported Discharge (ESD) teams in operation, providing access to ESD for 11/24 hospitals

ESD TEAMS



In 2021, no hospital had a fully resourced ESD team

80%



Eight (80%) ESD teams reported that a member of the ESD team attends the stroke MDT meetings in the hospital