

Paramedics have taken your loved one to a stroke centre

Why is my loved one going to a stroke centre?

In the South West LHIN* when people have a suspected stroke or a TIA (transient ischemic attack or mini-stroke), paramedics take them to a stroke centre that provides specialized stroke care. At the stroke centre they receive the best possible care provided by a team of stroke experts.

Why can't stroke care be provided at all hospitals?

Not all hospitals are equipped to serve people with stroke or TIA. The expertise for this is concentrated at stroke centres.

* The South West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) serves Grey, Bruce, Huron, Perth, Middlesex, Oxford, Elgin and Norfolk (West) Counties.

Which stroke centre is my loved one going to?

Your loved one will be taken to the most appropriate stroke centre.

Name of stroke centre:

LEARN THE SIGNS OF STROKE

FACE is it drooping?
ARMS can you raise both?
SPEECH is it slurred or jumbled?
TIME to call 9-1-1 right away.

ACT **FAST** BECAUSE THE QUICKER YOU ACT,
THE MORE OF THE PERSON YOU SAVE.

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A reminder - call 911

With stroke every minute counts. Please remember it is always important to call 911 when you or someone with you is experiencing the signs of stroke so:

- care can start right away in the ambulance
- paramedics can alert the stroke team at the stroke centre a patient is on the way, so assessment and treatment can start the moment the patient arrives.