

# Your loved one has the signs of stroke - things you need to know

## 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), 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.

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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.

## LEARN THE SIGNS OF STROKE

**F**ACE is it drooping?  
**A**RMS can you raise both?  
**S**PEECH is it slurred or jumbled?  
**T**IME to call 9-1-1 right away.

ACT **F****A****S****T** BECAUSE THE QUICKER YOU ACT,  
THE MORE OF THE PERSON YOU SAVE.

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### Questions?

Please ask a health care provider at the stroke centre if you have any questions about stroke care.

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