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# Stroke Care

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells hospitals jointly provide acute stroke care and rehabilitation for patients from north East Sussex and West Kent. Reviews have shown that similar to many other hospitals, locally and nationally, we can greatly improve stroke outcomes for our patients and reduce long-term disability.

Our hospital clinicians and GP leads are currently developing higher standards of care for every patient we see. It is our aim to ensure all patients have access to dedicated stroke teams and treatment 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Very few hospitals currently meet this standard nationally.

These standards include, and will help ensure:

- All suspected stroke patients have a brain scan, and receive potentially life-saving medication, where clinically appropriate, within 60 minutes of reaching hospital.
- 90% of stroke patients are admitted to a hyper acute stroke unit within 4 hours of reaching hospital, and are seen by our teams of stroke specialists within 24 hours, seven days a week.

What do you think about these standards? What is important to you about the care you receive? Share your views and experiences with us by:

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For more information about stroke services please write to us at the above address or go to our website [www.mtw.nhs.uk](http://www.mtw.nhs.uk) for more information.

If you would like to speak to someone anonymously, contact Healthwatch Kent by telephone: 0808 801 0102 or email : [info@healthwatchkent.co.uk](mailto:info@healthwatchkent.co.uk)