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## 1 Circulation

This document should be read by all staff responsible for management of patients undergoing mechanical thrombectomy

This document applies equally to staff in a permanent, temporary, voluntary or contractor role acting for or on behalf of any Comprehensive Stroke Unit or local stroke unit.

## 2 Scope

This is a West Midlands Clinical Network guideline that covers any adult patient receiving a mechanical thrombectomy at a West Midlands Comprehensive Stroke Unit.

## 3 Definitions

**Comprehensive Stroke Unit (CSU) or Neuroscience Centre:** a specialist unit designed to provide hyper-acute stroke care including mechanical thrombectomy/neurosurgical support. These are interchangeable terms where internationally it can be referred to as a CSU and nationally as a neuroscience centre.

**Hyper Acute Stroke Unit (HASU):** a specialist unit designed to provide hyper-acute Stroke care for patients usually up to the first 72 hours following admission to hospital.

**Acute Stroke Unit (ASU):** specialist units that provide Stroke specialist care for patients who need to remain in hospital after the hyper-acute phase following a Stroke. Patients should be repatriated to the ASU at the hospital closest to the patient's resident address.

**Decision to Transfer (DTT):** the moment at which the Medical, Nursing and Therapy teams at the Comprehensive Stroke Unit agree the patient is suitable for transfer to their local hospital.

**Repatriation:** the transfer of a patient in accordance with this procedure to their local hospital.

**Post Take:** assessment and review by a Consultant within 14 hours of admission

## 4 Comprehensive Stroke Units (CSUs)

In the West Midlands there are currently **two Comprehensive Stroke Units:**

**Queen Elizabeth Hospital** (Monday to Friday 09:00 – 17:00 moving to 24/7 end of 2019)

University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust (UHBFT)

Edgbaston

Birmingham

B15 2TH

Clinical Lead: Dr Don Sims

**Royal Stoke University Hospital** (Service available 24/7)

University Hospital of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM)

Newcastle Road

Stoke-on-Trent

ST4 6QG

Clinical Lead: Dr Indira Natarajan

In the rare scenario that the West Midlands centres are at full capacity and cannot take a patient eligible for thrombectomy, other centres providing thrombectomy which could be accessed, however service provision may vary as services develop. Centres include but not limited to;

- **North Bristol NHS Trust**
- **Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust**
- **Salford Royal Hospitals NHS Trust**
- **The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust**
- **Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust**

## 5 Background

It is anticipated that within the current criteria approximately 8,000 people per year in England may benefit from this mechanical thrombectomy. Rollout nationally will be via an incremental implementation programme managed on a regional basis.

Thrombectomy services are being established in Neuroscience Centres with established interventional radiology services, sufficient expertise in the procedure and a co-located hyper acute stroke service. There are 24 adult Neuroscience Centres in England (5-8 in each Region). Each regional team is developing services to ultimately have sufficient capacity to offer comprehensive patient access 24/7.

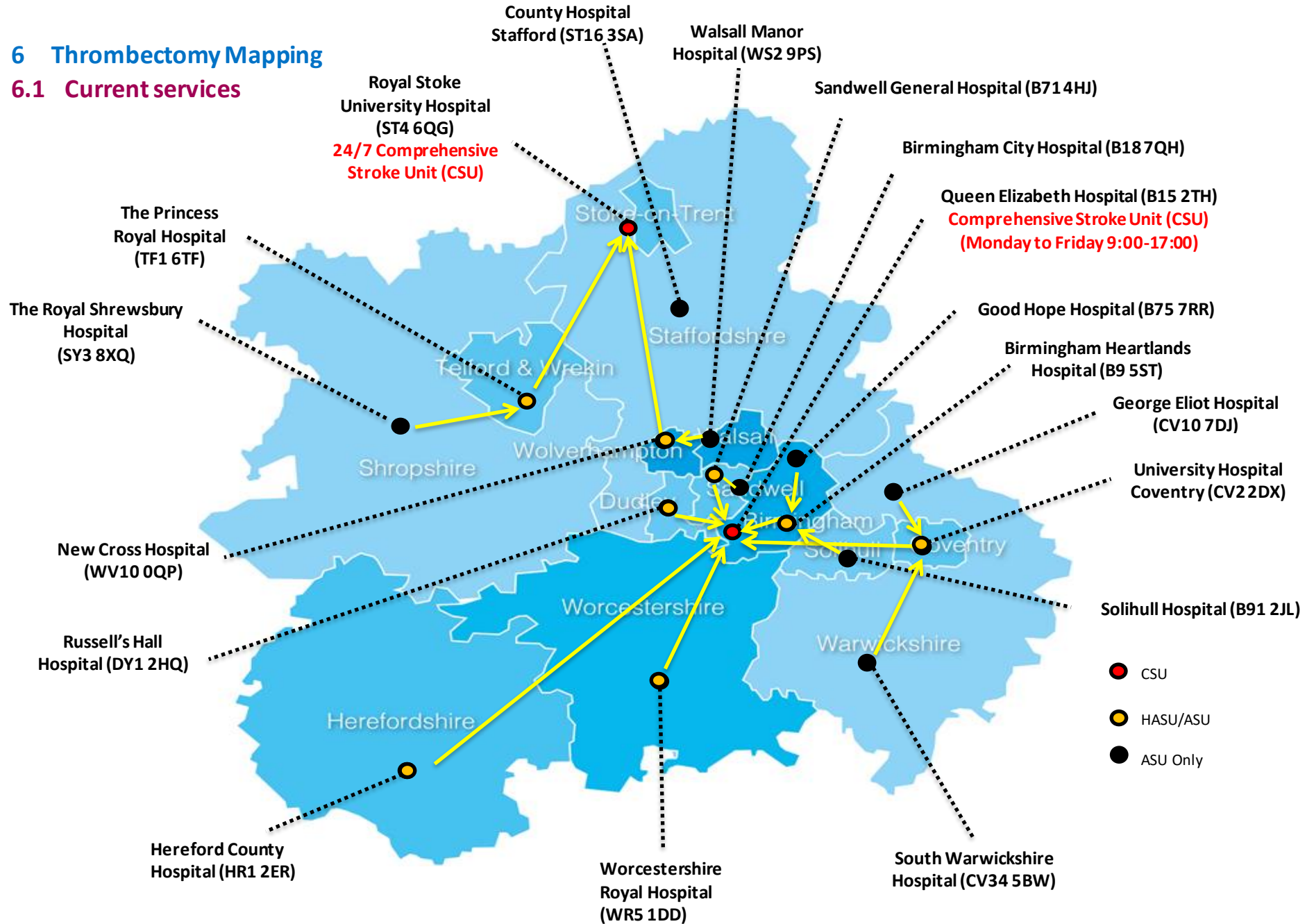
The responsible commissioner for the thrombectomy service is NHSE, as part of interventional neuroradiology provision. Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) commission the vast majority of inpatient stroke care, stroke rehabilitation, and ongoing health care. Local authorities may provide social care services for those disabled by stroke.

Roll out nationally is dependent on there being sufficient numbers of specialists to perform the intervention. In England there is currently a shortfall of circa 50 of these staff in post. New training programs are being agreed with the colleges, Health Education England and the GMC.

NHS England anticipates there being 700-800 thrombectomies undertaken in England by the end of the 2017/18 financial year with approximately 1,500 anticipated for 2018/19. These numbers are expected to increase annually over the next 4 years as services develop further and key staff are trained and recruited. A total of 240 procedures are planned in the West Midlands in 2018/19 which is around twice the number undertaken in 2017/18. The intention is to undertake a total of 400 cases per year in the West Midlands by 2021/22.

## 6 Thrombectomy Mapping

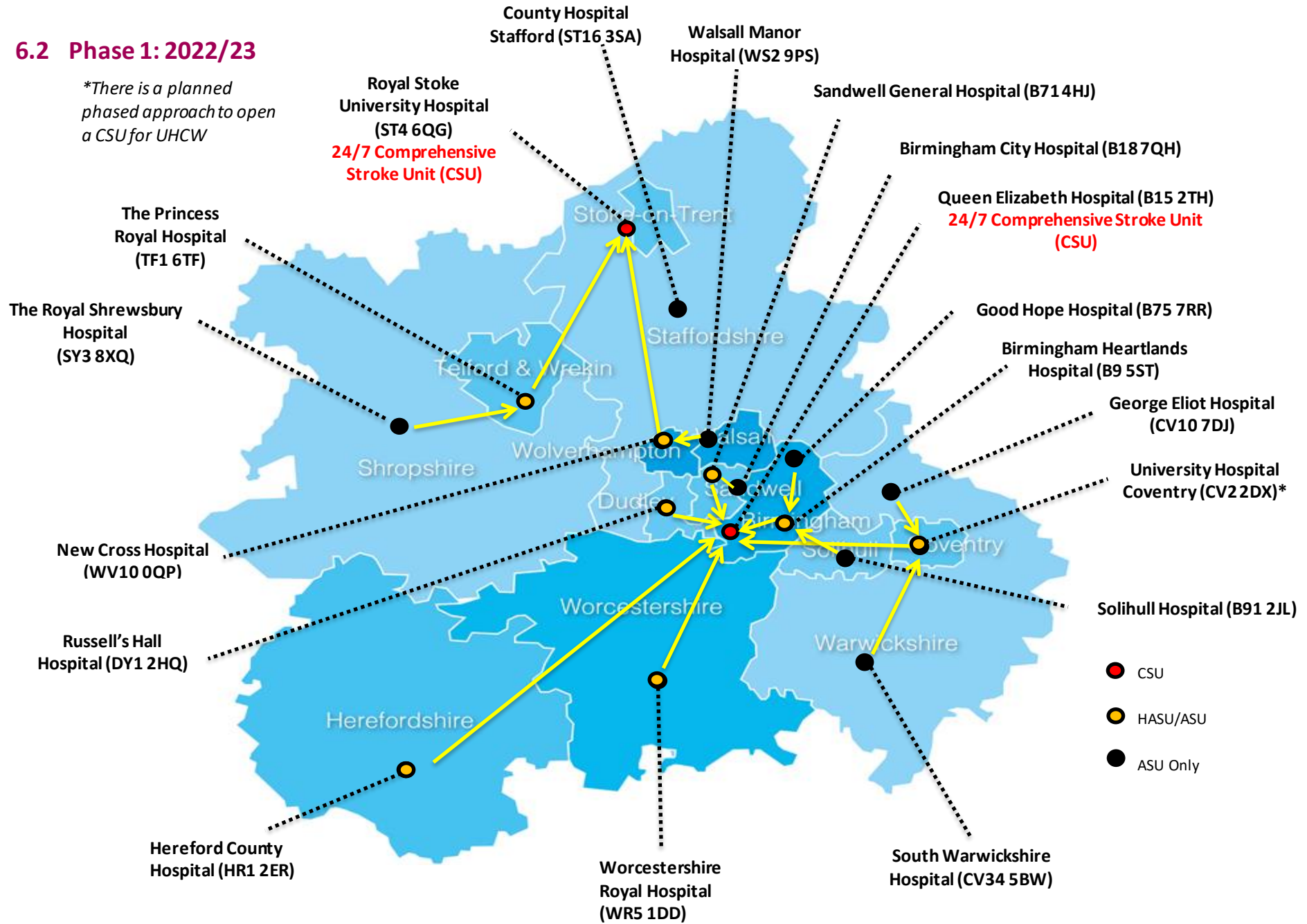
### 6.1 Current services





## 6.2 Phase 1: 2022/23

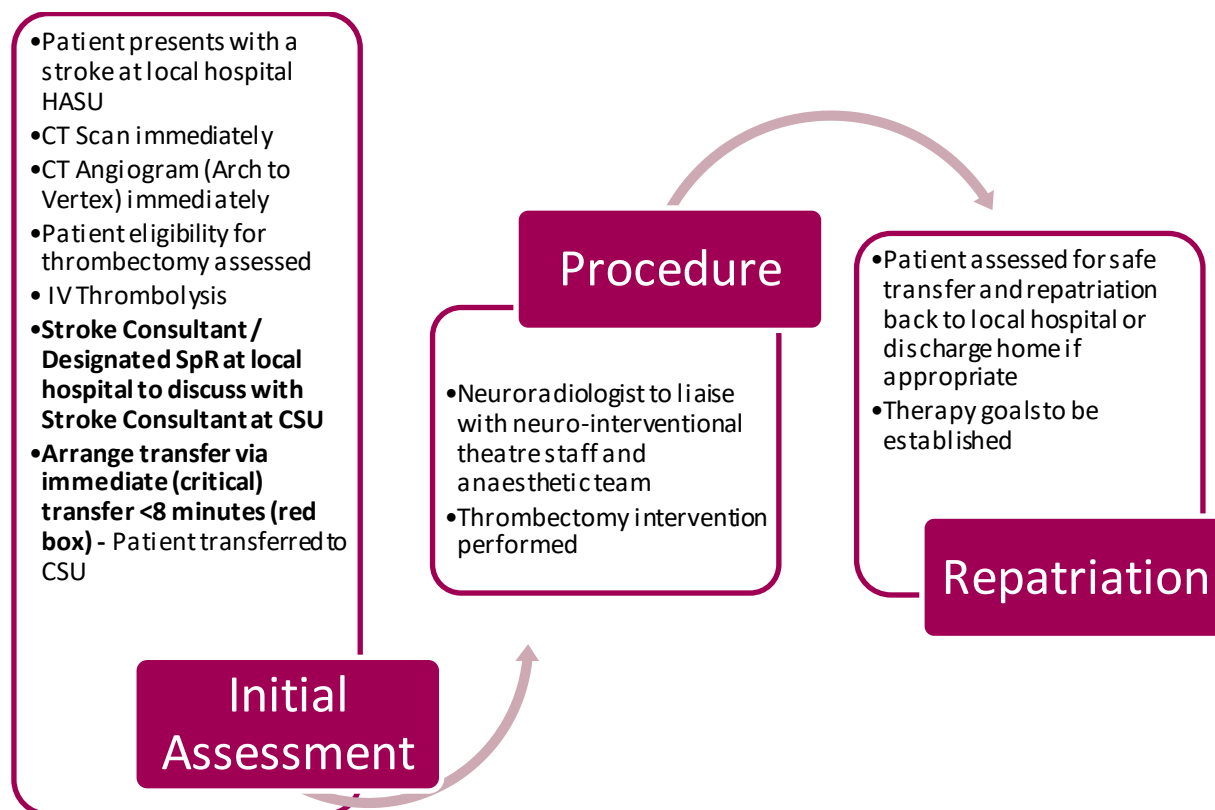
*\*There is a planned phased approach to open a CSU for UHCW*



## 7 Thrombectomy Pathway: Summary

Figure 1: High level pathway including specified timeframes for thrombectomy

Thrombectomy (clot retrieval) can be achieved within 6 hours of the onset of symptoms where there are no major new ischaemic changes on CT or MRI brain scan.



## 8 Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

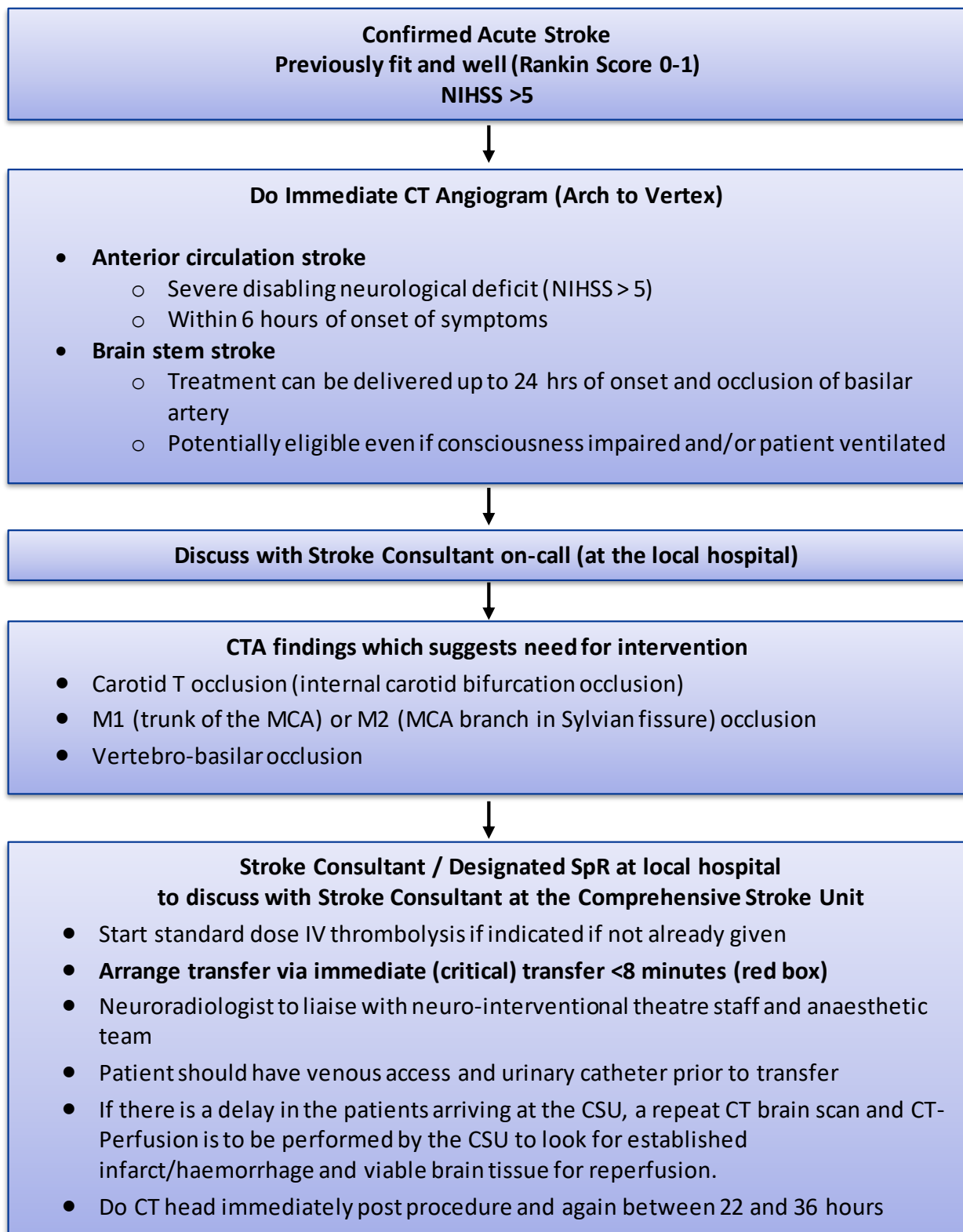
### 8.1 Inclusion

- Confirmed Acute Stroke
- Large Vessel Occlusion confirmed by CT-Angiogram
- Previously fit and well (Rankin Score 0-1)
- NIHSS >5
- Thrombectomy can be performed within 6 hours
- Paediatric cases (<18 years) must be discussed on a case-by-case basis by Stroke Consultant and Paediatric teams.

### 8.2 Exclusion

- Patients outside these criteria (such as Rankin >1 or NIHSS <6 or thrombectomy cannot be performed within 6 hours) can be discussed on a case by case basis but currently fall outside NHS England guidelines

## 9 Protocol for stroke patients who need mechanical thrombectomy



With regards to extracranial and intracranial stenting, individual centres must make local decisions on a case by case basis.

Patients outside these criteria (such as Rankin >1 or NIHSS <6) can be discussed on a case by case basis but currently fall outside NHS England guidelines.

Mechanical thrombectomy should allow reperfusion within 6 hours of onset. Generally this means the patient must arrive in the neuroscience centre within 5 hours at the latest. Patients with proven

viable brain parenchyma on CTP or MRI may be suitable for treatment up to 12 hours. Please discuss if necessary.

Thrombectomy patients should be repatriated via the normal repatriation procedure. This should mean return to their local HASU **within 24 hours of decision to transfer and certainly by 72 hours**. Patients deemed unsuitable or whose symptoms have resolved on arrival for thrombectomy can be immediately returned to referring HASU by ambulance.

## **10 Imaging Protocol for Thrombectomy**

CSU neuro-radiologists will not be reporting CT-Angiograms for the West Midlands.

All stroke consultants at referring HASUs should be trained to review a CT-Angiogram and confirm a large vessel occlusion; it is the stroke consultant's responsibility.

CT-Angiograms are accepted and CT-Perfusion scanning is strongly recommended however not essential currently.

## **11 Regional Thrombectomy Referral Form**

All referring sites are to use the Regional Thrombectomy Referral Form on page 11-12 of this guideline.

Attach patient sticker

(Patient details)

## WEST MIDLANDS THROMBECTOMY REFERRAL FORM

Referring Hospital & consultant:	Accepting consultant:
Time of arrival at referring hospital:	Date & time of referral to CSU:
Form completed by:	

### INDICATIONS FOR MECHANICAL THROMBECTOMY

Proximal intracranial large vessel occlusion (LVO) on CT-A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Disabling acute stroke (NIHSS >5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Pre-morbid <b>modified Rankin score of 0 -1</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Procedure can restore perfusion <b>within 6 hours</b> ; or	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>Unless proven salvageable brain tissue proven on imaging (up to 12 hours); or</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>Unless LVO is in the posterior circulation (up to 24 hours)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

### PERSONAL HEALTH HISTORY- RISK FACTORS

<input type="checkbox"/> Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/> Ischemic Heart Disease
<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/> Current smoker
<input type="checkbox"/> Atrial Fibrillation	<input type="checkbox"/> Previous smoker
<input type="checkbox"/> Hypercholesterolemia	<input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol excess
<input type="checkbox"/> Congestive cardiac failure	<input type="checkbox"/> Previous stroke/TIA
<input type="checkbox"/> Peripheral artery disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Malignancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Prosthetic heart valve	<input type="checkbox"/> Dementia

**Stroke Symptoms:**

- |   |  |                                     |  |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Right arm weakness | <input type="checkbox"/> Left arm weakness | <input type="checkbox"/> Dysphasia  | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual symptoms     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Right leg weakness | <input type="checkbox"/> Left leg weakness | <input type="checkbox"/> Dysarthria | <input type="checkbox"/> Cerebellar symptoms |

**Allergies:**

*Is the patient on anticoagulation? Yes/No – If so, please specify which*

<b>DATE &amp; TIME OF ONSET:</b>	
<b>NIHSS SCORE:</b>	

**MANAGEMENT**

Was the patient Thrombolysed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, what total dose and what time?	mg	
Have the CTA images been transferred across to QEHB or UHNM?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
What time has the blue-light ambulance been booked?		
Time patient leaving department:		
Next of kin aware?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Pre-morbid mRS: If not 0, please explain why?

**OBSERVATIONS**

Airway: Self-Ventilating?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Intubated?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Breathing: SATs/RR?		
Aspirated?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Circulation: BP?		
Disability-GCS? E.... V.... M.... (If GCS <8 has the patient had an anesthetic review?)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Pyrexial?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Urinary Catheter?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Seizure?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Vomiting?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

**Referrals to be accepted by on-call stroke consultant – via switchboard**  
**Queen Elizabeth Hospital: 0121 371 2000**  
**Royal Stoke University Hospital: 01782 715444**

**Please request a blue light transport for life threatening conditions.**  
**Always send this form together with the patient notes and retain a copy yourselves.**

**QEHB Stroke Nurse Practitioners:**  
 07769 932 342 or 0121 371 5144  
 Please inform them of ETA

**UHNM Stroke Team:**  
 01782 715444 FAST Bleep **1910 or 1911**  
 Please inform them of ETA

<b>NAME:</b>	<b>GRADE / PROFESSION:</b>
<b>SIGNED:</b>	<b>TIME / DATE:</b>

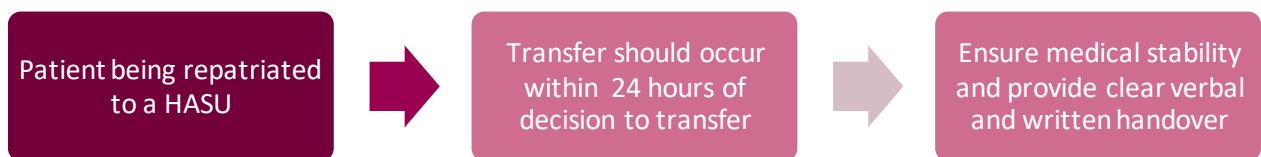
## 12 Exit pathway from Comprehensive Stroke Unit (CSU)

### 12.1 Repatriation from the CSU to local HASU

#### 12.1.1 Overview

Patients who have received the thrombectomy at a CSU should be repatriated to their local referring HASU within 24 hours of decision to transfer.

- Patients should be accepted promptly by the receiving local stroke unit and the escalation policy should be followed if this does not occur.
- There must be clinician-to-clinician communication to agree the transfer and confirm medical stability with clear written communication to back this up including a discharge summary and access to results of investigation and care undertaken. This can be at stroke nurse level given that all patients will be under the care of a stroke physician on both sites who will authorise the repatriation when clinically ready. The stroke nurses on individual sites will have easy access to the right consultant to accept the patient.
- Patients should be transferred during 09:00 – 17:00 whenever possible.
- Repatriation should take place seven days a week.



#### 12.1.2 Criteria for medical stability for transfer of patient to HASU

- Clear diagnosis of stroke and secondary prevention plan (including referral for carotid intervention if indicated)
- Not dependent on inotropic or ventilator support
- Stable level of consciousness
- Reliable route of hydration and nutrition established (NG and IVI would suffice)

#### 12.1.3 Transfer of patients to local unit pathway

##### 12.1.3.1 Within first 24 hours post-intervention

- Stroke CNS/Stroke Nurse or Stroke coordinator to identify appropriate local stroke unit using [postcode lookup](#)
- Complete repatriation paperwork
- Clinical assessment for suitability for transfer
  - Medical assessment (confirm stability)
  - Nursing assessment (complete transfer form)
  - Therapy assessment (complete rehabilitation plan and goals)

Stroke coordinator or lead at CSU to send paperwork to local stroke unit (SU), call to confirm receipt, discusses clinical stability and date of planned transfer. CSU confirms arrangement in place to accept transfer and book transport.

**See Escalation process for delayed transfers to SU if SU unable to accept patient (table 3; page 16)**

#### **12.1.3.2 Overseas visitors**

Patients who live outside the UK requiring further stroke unit care after the intervention will be managed in the referring West Midland stroke units. The patient would usually stay in the HASU / ASU where they first presented unless pressing reasons why this should not be the case. Ensure referral to Overseas office has been made.

#### **12.1.3.3 West Midland patients who stroke outside the region or abroad**

Patients who have a stroke completely outside the region should be repatriated to their local stroke unit within the region using the agreed catchment areas for each trust. If the patient requires HASU / ASU / thrombectomy services which are not available locally they should be transferred to the nearest trust with these services on site.

#### **12.1.3.4 Patients with no fixed abode**

Patients with no fixed abode will be repatriated back to the referring HASU. Ensure referral to the homeless team has been made.

#### **12.1.3.5 Mixed accommodation guidance**

The NHS Operating Framework for 2011-2012 confirmed that all providers of NHS funded care are expected to eliminate mixed-sex accommodation, except where it is in the overall best interest of the patient. Information on mixed sex accommodation is available on the Department of Health [website](#).

#### **12.1.3.6 Infection control guidance**

No patient should knowingly be transferred with contagious infectious illness without clinician-to-clinician discussion and appropriate infection control measures. However, this should not prevent timely repatriation outside of the context of a patient being in a clinically unstable condition. It is accepted that on occasion, in such circumstances patients may not be repatriated direct to a Stroke Unit or suitable medical ward in order to meet the infection control requirements and maintain patient safety.

As soon as the period of infectious illness has passed - provided stroke is the predominant medical problem – such patients should be transferred to complete their inpatient stay on a Stroke Unit.

#### **12.1.3.7 General contracting rules for CSUs**

Stroke units must accept a patient from a CSU. CSUs have the authority to repatriate patients to the relevant stroke unit and are expected to follow the agreed protocol when doing so. If a patient transfer is delayed in excess of 24 hours after the agreed transfer time by a stroke unit, a CSU can:

- Keep the patient in the HASU
- Transfer the patient to the stroke unit in the same trust as the HASU
- Seek an alternative stroke unit for the patient's post ongoing stay.



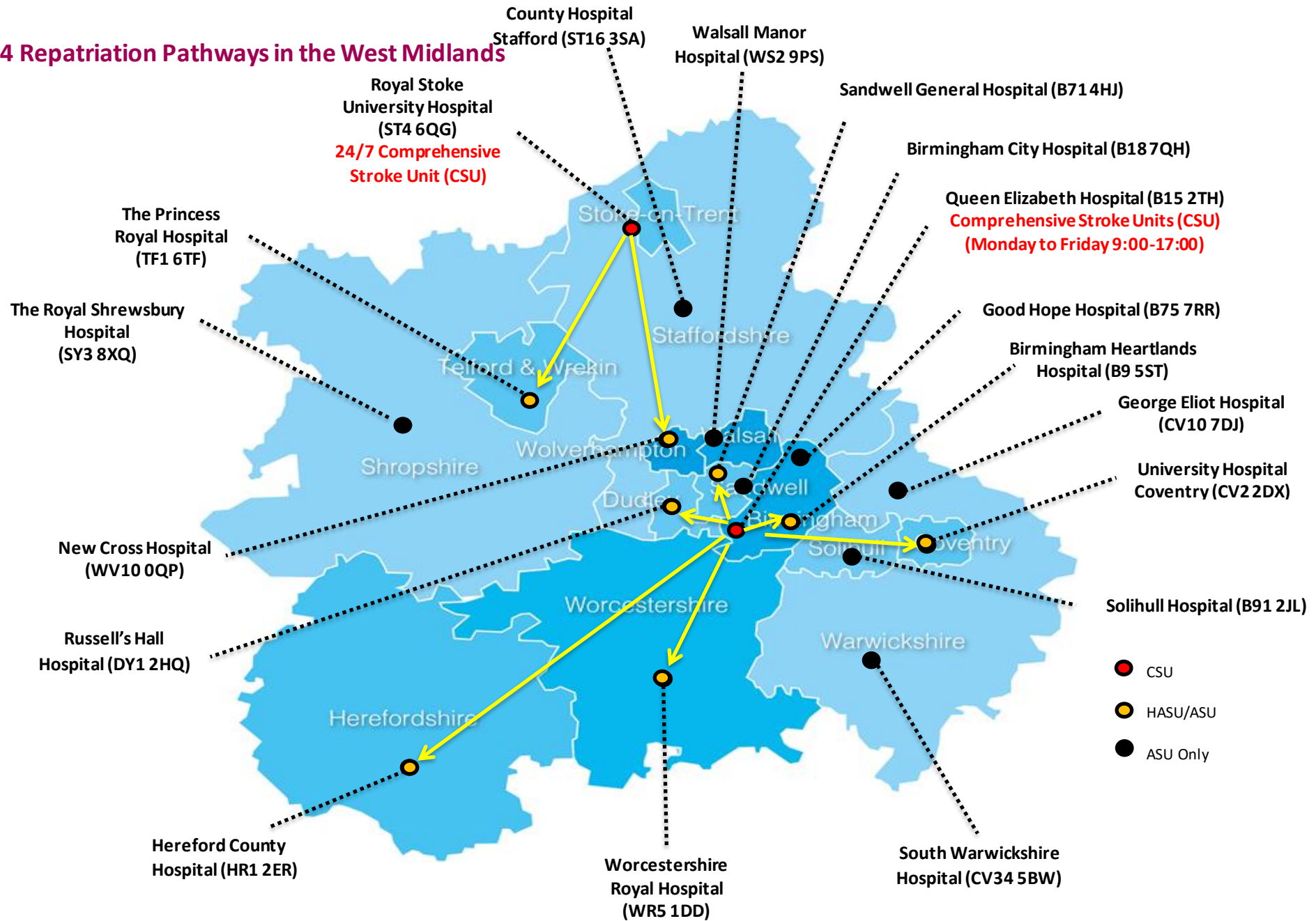
## 12.2 Table 2: CSU to HASU: Contact details for repatriation

	Stroke Unit & Switchboard Contact	Lead Stroke Consultant
CSU	Royal Stoke University Hospital 01782 715444	Dr Indira Natarajan Stroke Consultant of the Day contact on 01782 679987 or via switchboard
	Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham 0121 627 2000	Dr Don Sims
Local Stroke Units: West Midlands	Birmingham Heartlands Hospital 0121 424 2000	Dr Rajendra Yadava Stroke Nurse: 0121 424 2000 pager 2499 07971717588 Stroke co-ordinator: 0121 424 2000 pager 2499 07971717588
	Sandwell General Hospital 0121 553 1831	Dr Sissi Ispoglou
	New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton 01902 307999	Dr Simon McBride Switchboard (01902 307999) then 772611
	Russell's Hall Hospital, Dudley 01384 456111	Dr Ashim Banerjee Bleep stroke nurse 7557
	University Hospital Coventry 024 76964000	Dr Antony Kenton FAST bleep 1910 or 1911
	Worcester Royal Hospital 01905 763333	Dr Neil Baldwin/Stroke On-Call Consultant
	Hereford County Hospital 01432 355444	Dr Colin Jenkins
	Princess Royal Hospital, Telford 01689 863000	Dr Meena Srinivasan

### 12.3 Table 3: Escalation Process for Thrombectomy Repatriation

	Within 24 hours of decision to transfer		48 hours	72 hours	96 hours
<b>Patient ready to be repatriated from CSU to local referring hospital</b>  <b>Standard: Patient to be repatriated directly from CSU to referring HASU within 24 hours from decision to transfer</b>	1) Stroke CNS/Stroke Nurse or Stroke coordinator to notify local referring hospital that their patient is ready to be repatriated and to request a transfer date within the <b>specified timeframe</b> .  2) Patient is clinically reviewed/ confirmed safe to transfer  3) Transfer documentation completed	4) If transfer date is not available within 24 hours, Stroke CNS/Stroke Nurse or Stroke coordinator to escalate to <b>Group Manager for Stroke</b> and <b>Group Support Manager for Stroke</b> in referring local hospital via email.	5) Escalate to <b>Head of Operations for Local level responsible for updating contacts</b>	6) Escalate to <b>Chief Operating Officer (COO) On Call</b>	7) Escalate to <b>Chief Executive</b>

## 12.4 Repatriation Pathways in the West Midlands



## 12.5 Discharge Home from CSU

If appropriate, patients can be discharged directly from the CSU to their home address or their local ESD/CST. Patients will be discharged with:

- Discharge summary
- Therapy and rehabilitation plan
- Follow-up plan

## 12.6 Discharge to hospice/palliative care from CSU

Patients requiring palliative care after a mechanical thrombectomy will be referred to the palliative care team to support the most appropriate destination and care planning for the patient and their carer/family. This can include transfer to their local hospice, or a hospice that is agreed with the patients' carer or family.

## 13 Thrombectomy follow up

All patients who have received a mechanical thrombectomy must be followed up by a telephone call at 3 and 6 months post intervention by a stroke consultant at the CSU. The stroke consultant from the referring stroke unit should follow up their patient independently of the CSU, at 6 months as per the standard care pathway.

## 14 SSNAP data entry process

Every referring hospital is to be complete data entry on SSNAP as per the standard stroke care pathway including the 6 month follow up as per SSNAP requirements (table 4).

Local CSUs will collate outcome data on thrombectomy in SSNAP as per table 5.

The SSNAP record must be commenced by the Comprehensive Stroke Unit and on repatriation the SSNAP records must be transferred to the local stroke unit. In order to initiate the SSNAP data the stroke team will be able to enter the information directly form the referral form.

*When a thrombectomy is performed, the CSU team performing the thrombectomy will start the record. This is the case even if the patient has been transferred from another hospital.*

*Guidance on how to start a thrombectomy record can be found here:*

*<https://ssnap.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/115003802165-Which-team-s-responsibility-is-it-to-start-the-SSNAP-record->*

### 14.1 Table 4: SSNAP Data Entry at 6 month follow-up

<b>Number of patients</b>	M1.1	Number of patients due for follow-up based on when the patient was admitted or when the follow-up was completed
	M2.1	Breakdown of six month follow-up provision:
	M2.2	Yes
	M2.3	
	M2.4	Died whilst on the stroke care pathway (as reported on SSNAP)
	M2.5	

	<p><i>M2.6</i></p> <p><i>M2.7</i></p> <p><i>M2.8</i></p> <p><i>M2.9</i></p> <p><i>M2.10</i></p> <p><i>M2.11</i></p> <p><i>M2.12</i></p> <p><i>M2.13</i></p>	<p>Died within 6 months of admission (as reported on SSNAP)</p> <p>No but</p> <p>No</p> <p>Blank (section 8 not completed)</p>
<b>Applicability for record to be actively answered</b>	<p><i>M3.1</i></p> <p><i>M3.2</i></p> <p><i>M3.3</i></p>	<p>Patient record deemed appropriate to be actively answered (excludes died in care)</p>
	<p><i>M3.4</i></p> <p><i>M3.5</i></p> <p><i>M3.6</i></p>	<p>Section 8 has been actively answered, if record appropriate for completion</p>
<b>Applicability for follow-up</b>	<p><i>M4.1</i></p> <p><i>M4.2</i></p> <p><i>M4.3</i></p>	<p>Applicability for follow-up to be undertaken (excludes died in care, died within 6 months of admission, and "no but")</p>
	<p><i>M4.4</i></p> <p><i>M4.5</i></p> <p><i>M4.6</i></p>	<p>Six month follow-up has been completed, if patient applicable for follow-up</p>
<b>Six month follow-up timings:</b>	<p><i>M5.1</i></p> <p><i>M5.2</i></p> <p><i>M5.3</i></p>	<p>Number of months from Clock Start to six month assessment</p>
	<p><i>M5.4</i></p> <p><i>M5.5</i></p> <p><i>M5.6</i></p>	<p>Number of months from discharge from all care to six month assessment</p>
<b>Follow-up characteristics:</b>	<p><i>M6.1</i></p> <p><i>M6.2</i></p> <p><i>M6.3</i></p> <p><i>M6.4</i></p> <p><i>M6.5</i></p> <p><i>M6.6</i></p> <p><i>M6.7</i></p> <p><i>M6.8</i></p>	<p>Follow-up type:</p> <p>In person</p> <p>Online</p> <p>By telephone</p> <p>By post</p>

	<i>M6.9</i>	
	<i>M6.10</i> <i>M6.11</i> <i>M6.12</i> <i>M6.13</i> <i>M6.14</i> <i>M6.15</i> <i>M6.16</i> <i>M6.17</i> <i>M6.18</i> <i>M6.19</i> <i>M6.20</i> <i>M6.21</i> <i>M6.22</i> <i>M6.23</i> <i>M6.24</i>	Follow-up provider: GP  Stroke coordinator  Therapist  District/community nurse  Voluntary services employee  Secondary care clinician  Other
<b>Mood, behaviour, and cognition:</b>	<i>M7.1</i>  <i>M7.2</i> <i>M7.3</i> <i>M7.4</i> <i>M7.5</i> <i>M7.6</i> <i>M7.7</i>	Mood, behaviour, cognition screening:  Yes  No  No but
	<i>M7.8</i> <i>M7.9</i> <i>M7.10</i>	If screened, support needed:
	<i>M7.11</i> <i>M7.12</i> <i>M7.13</i> <i>M7.14</i> <i>M7.15</i> <i>M7.16</i> <i>M7.17</i>	If support needed, psychological support received since discharge: Yes  No  No but
<b>Discharge information:</b>	<i>M8.1</i> <i>M8.2</i> <i>M8.3</i> <i>M8.4</i> <i>M8.5</i> <i>M8.6</i> <i>M8.7</i>	Where the patient is living:  Home  Care Home  Other
<b>Rankin</b>	<i>M8.8.1</i> <i>M8.8.2</i>	modified Rankin Scale is not known:

	<i>M8.8.3</i>	
	<i>M8.8</i> <i>M8.9</i> <i>M8.10</i> <i>M8.11</i> <i>M8.12</i> <i>M8.13</i> <i>M8.14</i> <i>M8.15</i> <i>M8.16</i> <i>M8.17</i> <i>M8.18</i> <i>M8.19</i> <i>M8.20</i>	If known, modified Rankin Scale (mRS) score:  0  1  2  3  4  5
<b>Atrial Fibrillation:</b>	<i>M9.0</i> <i>M9.1.1</i> <i>M9.1.2</i> <i>M9.2.1</i> <i>M9.2.2</i> <i>M9.3.1</i> <i>M9.3.1</i>	Persistent, permanent or paroxysmal Atrial Fibrillation (AF) at the time of six month follow-up assessment  Yes  No  Not known
	<i>M9.4</i> <i>M9.5</i> <i>M9.6</i>	If patient is in AF at six month follow-up assessment, was also in AF when first admitted to hospital
	<i>M9.7</i> <i>M9.8</i> <i>M9.9</i>	If patient is in AF at six month follow-up assessment, was also in AF when discharged from inpatient care
	<i>M9.10</i> <i>M9.11</i> <i>M9.12</i>	If patient is in AF at six month follow-up assessment, then taking anti-coagulant
<b>Medication:</b>	<i>M12.1</i> <i>M12.2</i> <i>M12.3</i> <i>M12.4</i> <i>M12.5</i> <i>M12.6</i> <i>M12.7</i>	Taking antiplatelet  Yes  No  Not known
	<i>M13.1</i> <i>M13.2</i>	Taking anticoagulant  Yes

	<p><i>M13.3</i></p> <p><i>M13.4</i></p> <p><i>M13.5</i></p> <p><i>M13.6</i></p> <p><i>M13.7</i></p>	<p>No</p> <p>Not known</p>
	<p><i>M14.1</i></p> <p><i>M14.2</i></p> <p><i>M14.3</i></p>	<p>If patient was discharged on anti-coagulant, still taking at six month follow-up assessment</p>
	<p><i>M15.1</i></p> <p><i>M15.2</i></p> <p><i>M15.3</i></p> <p><i>M15.4</i></p> <p><i>M15.5</i></p> <p><i>M15.6</i></p> <p><i>M15.7</i></p>	<p>Taking lipid lowering</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>Not known</p>
	<p><i>M16.1</i></p> <p><i>M16.2</i></p> <p><i>M16.3</i></p> <p><i>M16.4</i></p> <p><i>M16.5</i></p> <p><i>M16.6</i></p> <p><i>M16.7</i></p>	<p>Taking antihypertensive</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>Not known</p>
<b>Since initial stroke:</b>	<p><i>M17.1</i></p> <p><i>M17.2</i></p> <p><i>M17.3</i></p> <p><i>M17.4</i></p> <p><i>M17.5</i></p> <p><i>M17.6</i></p> <p><i>M17.7</i></p>	<p>Since stroke, another stroke</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>Not known</p>
	<p><i>M18.1</i></p> <p><i>M18.2</i></p> <p><i>M18.3</i></p> <p><i>M18.4</i></p> <p><i>M18.5</i></p> <p><i>M18.6</i></p> <p><i>M18.7</i></p>	<p>Since stroke, myocardial infarction</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>Not known</p>
	<p><i>M19.1</i></p> <p><i>M19.2</i></p> <p><i>M19.3</i></p> <p><i>M19.4</i></p> <p><i>M19.5</i></p> <p><i>M19.6</i></p> <p><i>M19.7</i></p>	<p>Since stroke, other illness requiring hospitalisation</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>Not known</p>





## 14.2 Table 5: SSNAP Data Entry for Comprehensive Stroke Units

<b>Thrombectomy*</b>	<i>G19.1</i>	Thrombectomy (all stroke types)
	<i>G19.2</i>	
	<i>G19.3</i>	
	<i>G19.4</i>	Time from onset to puncture (hours:mins)
	<i>G19.5</i>	
	<i>G19.6</i>	
	<i>G19.7</i>	Time from onset to completion (hours:mins)
	<i>G19.8</i>	
	<i>G19.9</i>	
	<i>G19.10</i>	Time from clock start to puncture (hours:mins)
	<i>G19.11</i>	
	<i>G19.12</i>	
	<i>G19.13</i>	Time from puncture to deployment (hours:mins)
	<i>G19.14</i>	
	<i>G19.15</i>	
	<i>G19.16</i>	Time from puncture to end of procedure (hours:mins)
	<i>G19.17</i>	
	<i>G19.18</i>	
<b>NIHSS after thrombectomy</b>	<i>G19.19</i>	NIHSS 24 hours after thrombectomy is known
	<i>G19.20</i>	
	<i>G19.21</i>	

## 15 Accountability and Governance

Local hospitals are to have access to the MDT at the CSU (discussions should be held between sites at a local level to decide on how this is managed, for example, via teleconferencing). It is up to each HASU and CSU to communicate regarding thrombectomy cases and feedback mechanisms are to be discussed locally.