

Stroke – Acute Pathway

Pathway for managing patients with a suspected stroke
FAST test positive

ED – Are criteria for Stroke Pathway met? Establish time of onset, BM, GCS>9, age, no head injury & no seizure activity.
For eligible patients put out alert via 2222

Less than 4.5 hrs from symptom onset?

Thrombolysis Alert

ED

**ED Team, Stroke Alert Nurse (SAN)
Med/Stroke Reg**

- Assessment on arrival
- Book CT head scan ASAP and alert on call **Stroke Consultant**

Radiology

- Radiographers – **CT head scan immediately**, alert Radiologist before scanning
- Radiologist to report within 10 minutes of scan to **bleep 6020**

Thrombolysis < 30 minutes as per thrombolysis protocol

Transfer to HASU within 4 hours of arrival

More than 4.5 hrs from symptom onset?

Stroke Alert

ED

ED Team, Stroke Alert Nurse (SAN)

- Assessment on arrival
- Clerked in ED by **Stroke/Med Reg** within an hour of arrival

CT scan within 1 hour

Transferred to HASU within 4 hours of arrival

Not Stroke

SANS to record alert on audit sheet and database.

Copy audit sheet and leave copy for ED notes to take over



To discuss with neurosurgeons mobile **07702954219** or <http://www.norse.uhb.nhs.uk/norse/>