Scottish Stroke Care Audit 2024

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Scottish Stroke Care Audit (SSCA)

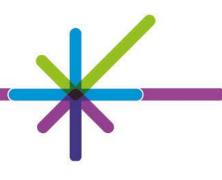
- Started collecting data in 2002
- Includes all hospitals managing acute stroke in Scotland
- First report published in 2005
- Purpose: to drive improvements in stroke care for all patients in Scotland
- Report to the National Advisory Committee for Stroke (NACS) at Scottish Government
- Audit coordinators employed in each Health Board to collect stroke data



Who is in the SSCA/ Scottish Stroke Improvement team?

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What does SSCA report on?

Access to Stroke Unit: 90% within 1 day of admission (Day 0 and 1)

Brain imaging: 90% within 12 hours of arrival

• Swallow screen: 100% within 4 hours of admission

Aspirin administration: 95% of ischaemic strokes within 1 day of admission (Day 0 and 1)

• Bundle performance : 80% of patients receive the 'appropriate' Stroke Care Bundle



What else do we report on?

• Thrombolysis: $50\% \le 30$ mins of arrival at hospital

80%≤ 60 mins of arrival at hospital

 Referral to specialist stroke/ TIA clinic: 80% are assessed within 4 days of receipt of referral (Day 0 being day of receipt of referral)

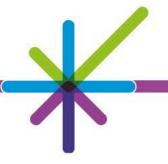
• Carotid Intervention: 80% undergoing carotid endarterectomy for

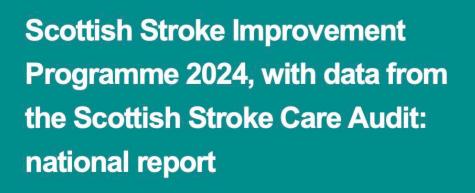
symptomatic carotid stenosis within 14 days

of event

Other analysis for service improvement

- Door to needle time for thrombolysis
- In hours door to needle time and out of hours door to needle time.
 - Reflects service structure and delivery
- Thrombolysis rates
- % of stay in the stroke unit
- Length of stay as a mean and median





A Management information release for Scotland



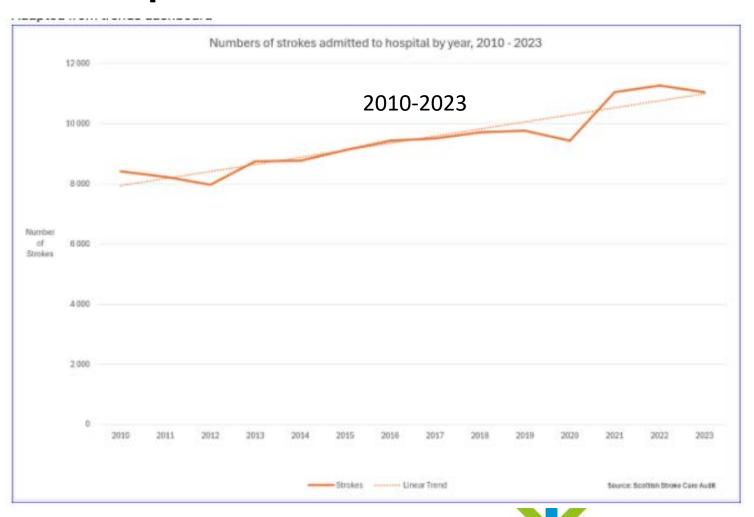
Stroke admission: numbers of patients

Number of strokes in 2023: 10 803

9 182 ischaemic (85%)

1 451 ICH (13.4%)

ICH varies from 9 – 17% across Health Boards



The bundle

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Bundle

Does the stroke bundle affect outcomes?

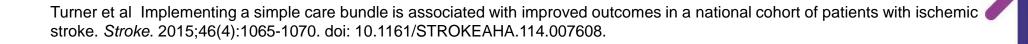
Standards	Adjusted OR (95% CI) for mortality at 30 days	Adjusted OR (95% CI) for mortality at 6 months
Stroke Unit standard	0.82 (0.75–0.90)	0.79 (0.74–0.85)
Swallow screen standard	0.88 (0.77–0.99)	0.95 (0.86–1.04)
Brain scan standard	1.07 (0.96–1.19)	0.95 (0.88–1.03)
Aspirin standard	0.39 (0.35–0.43)	0.54 (0.49–0.58)

Mortality is reduced by 20% if patients are admitted to a stroke unit within 24 hours of admission.

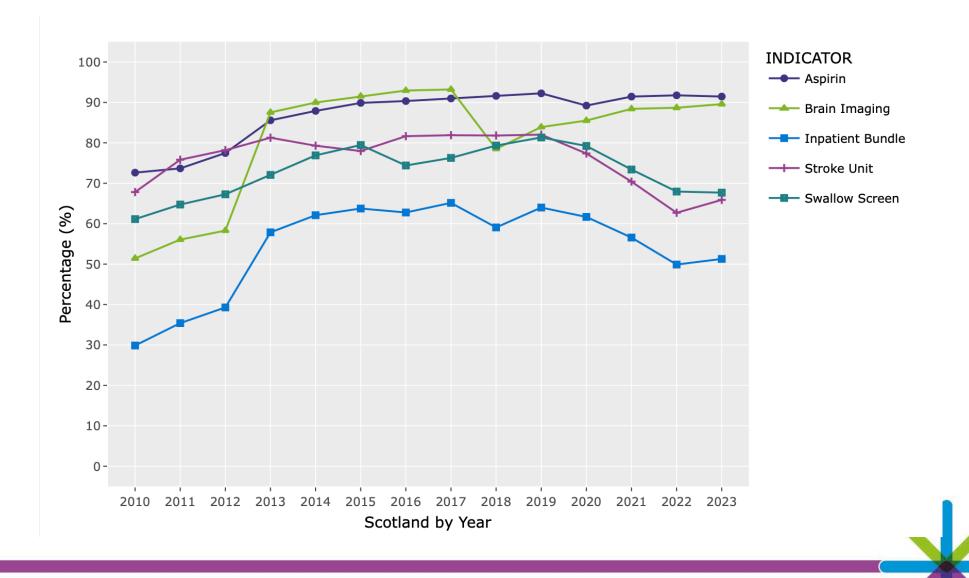
Mortality at 30 days is reduced if patients have an early swallow screen

Early aspirin is associated with lower mortality.

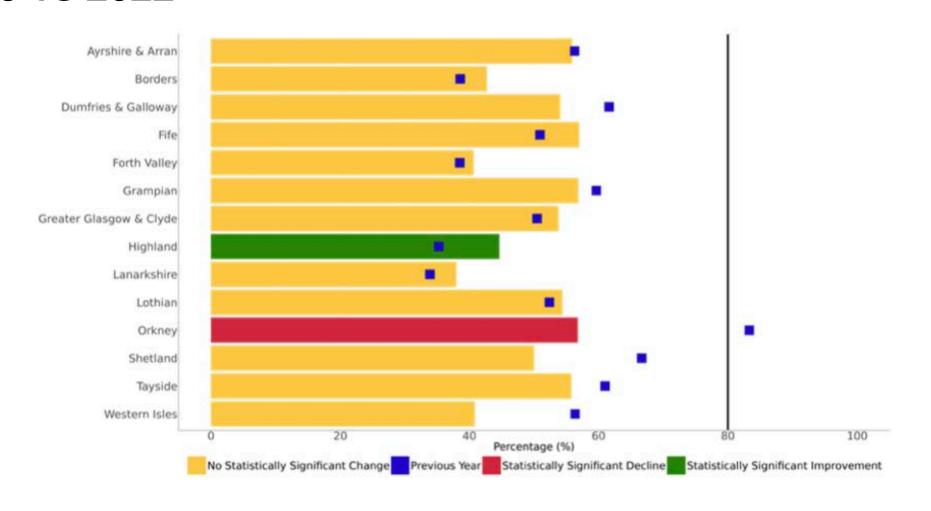
CI indicates confidence interval; OR, odds ratio; and SSV, six simple variables. Adjusted for SSV, year of admission, and hospital-level random effects.



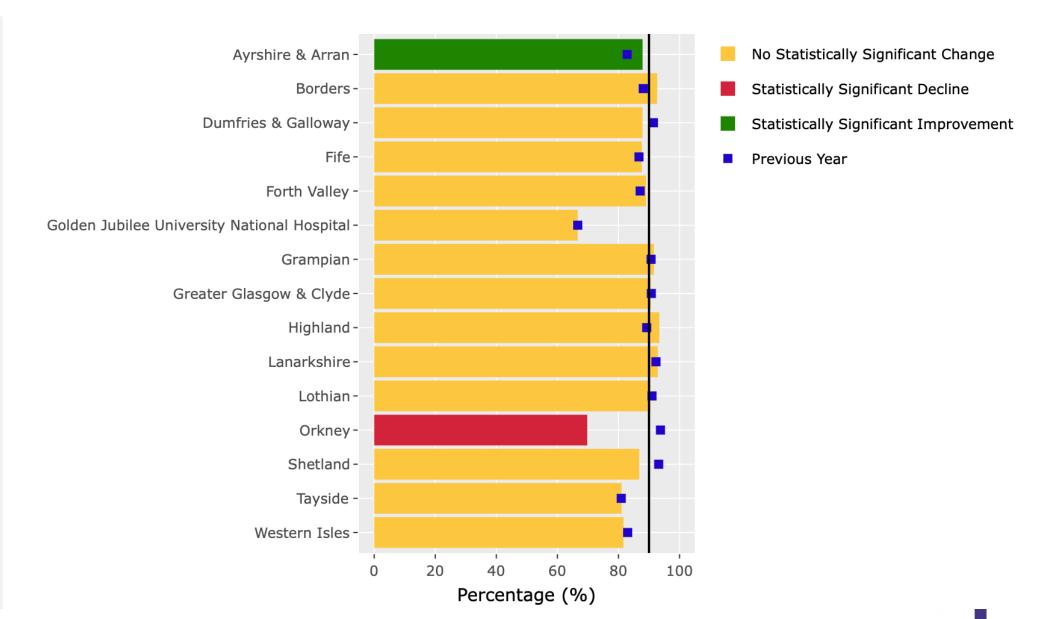
Bundle performance 2010 - 2023



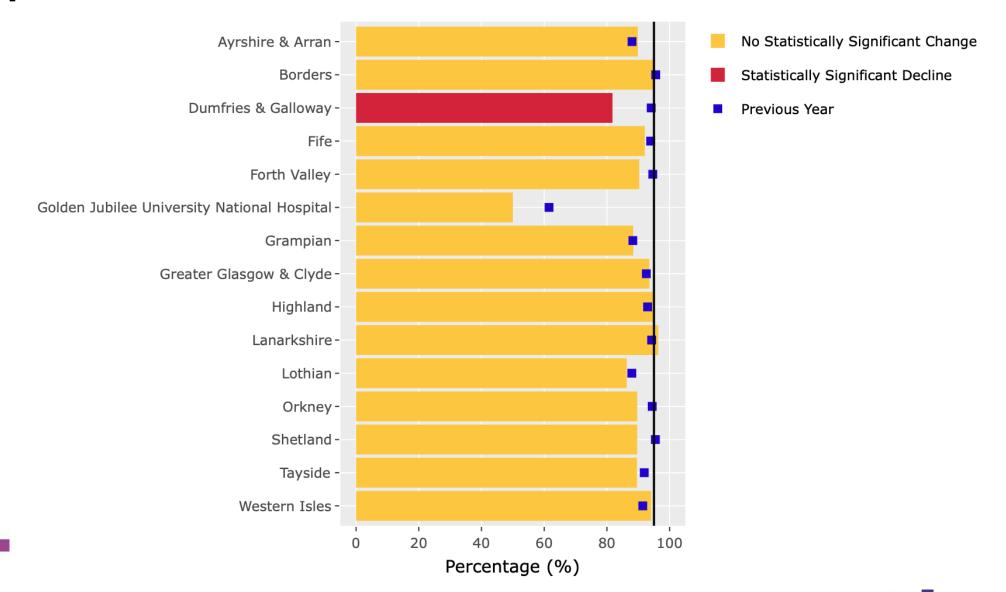
Percentage of stroke patients achieving stroke bundle 2023 vs 2022



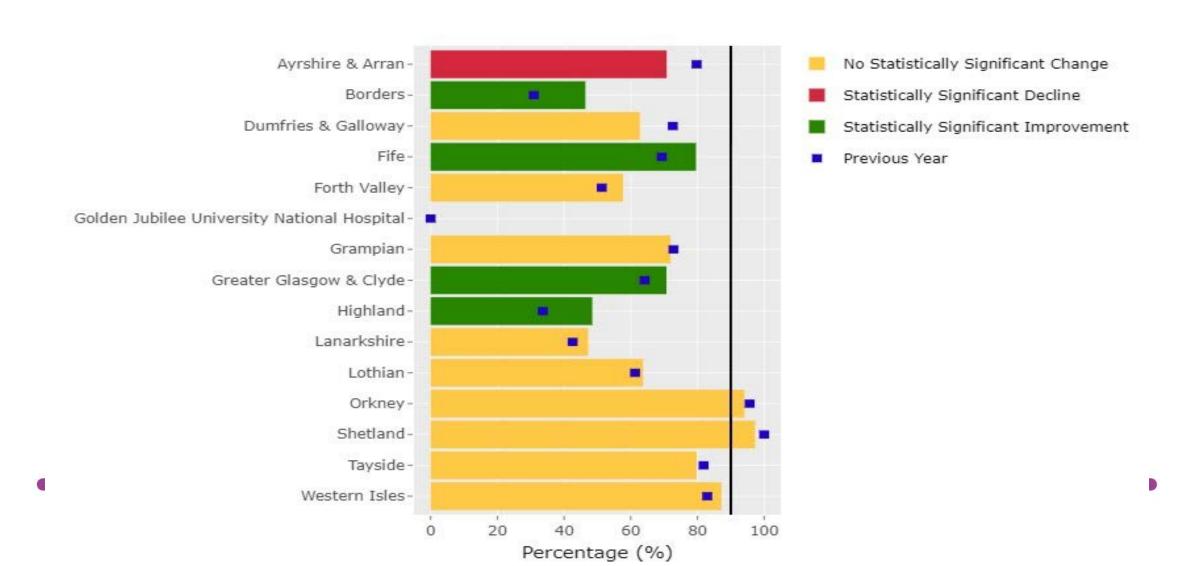
Brain imaging within 12 hours (standard 90%)



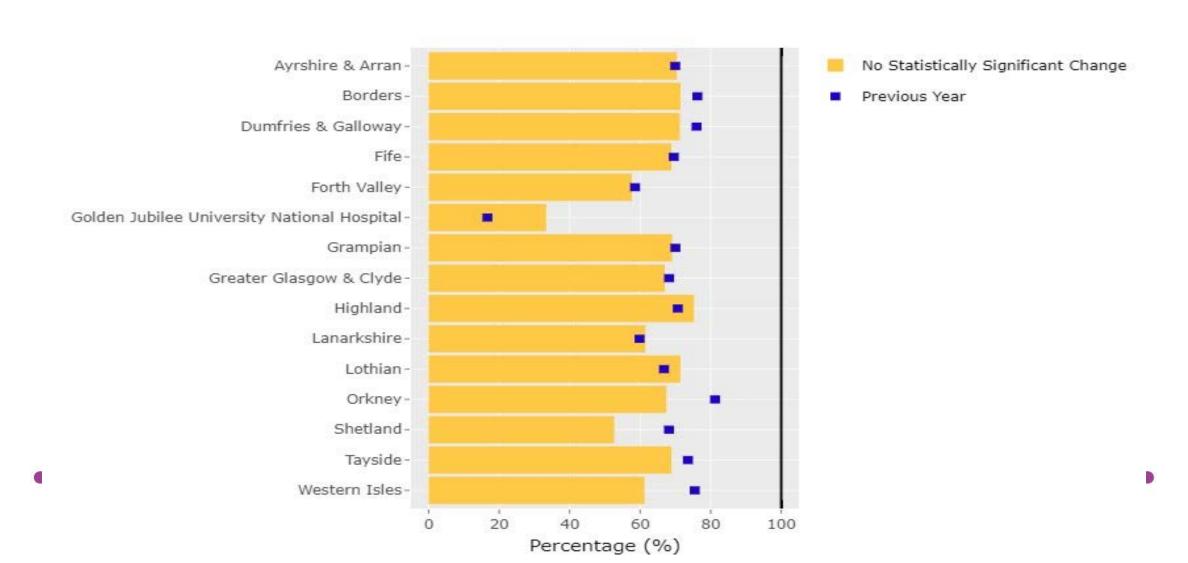
Asprin standard: 95% of ischaemic strokes within one day



Admission to the stroke unit.



Swallow Screen

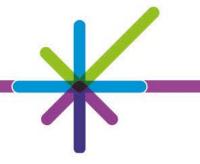


Messages from the bundle performance:

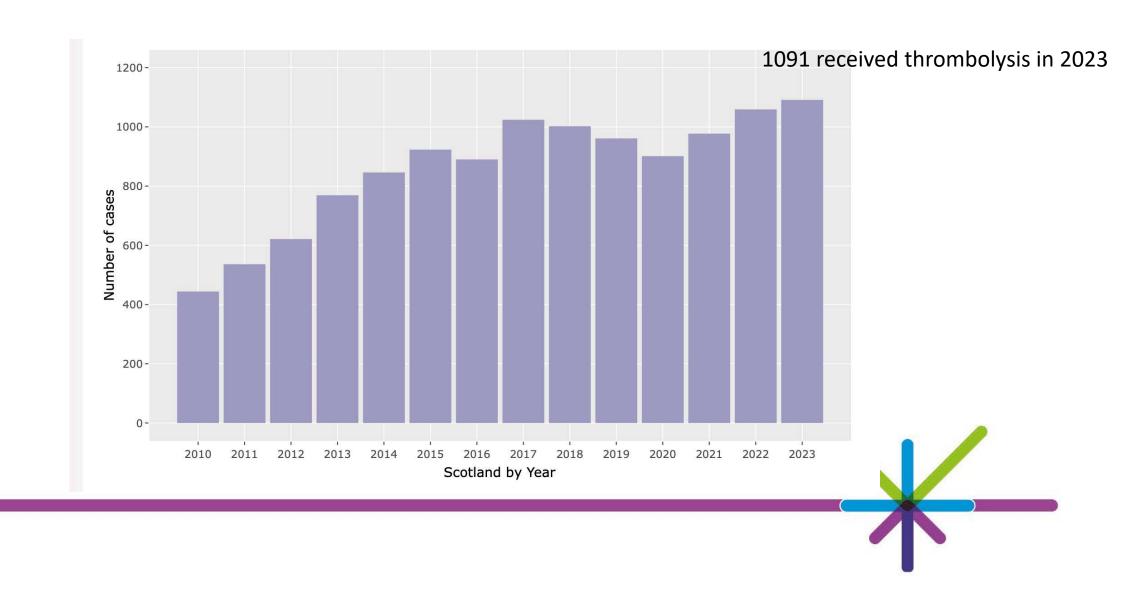
 To help improve patient outcomes, we need to change practice and aim to achieve the targets for:

Swallow screen

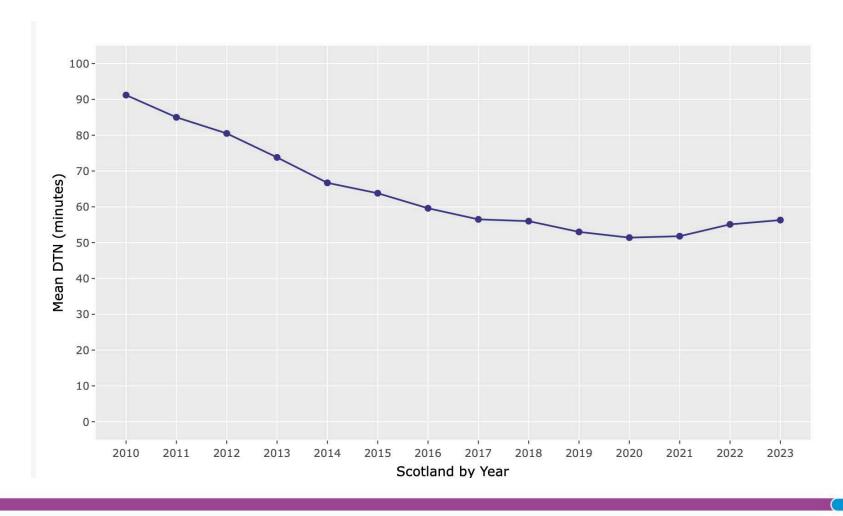
Stroke Unit admission



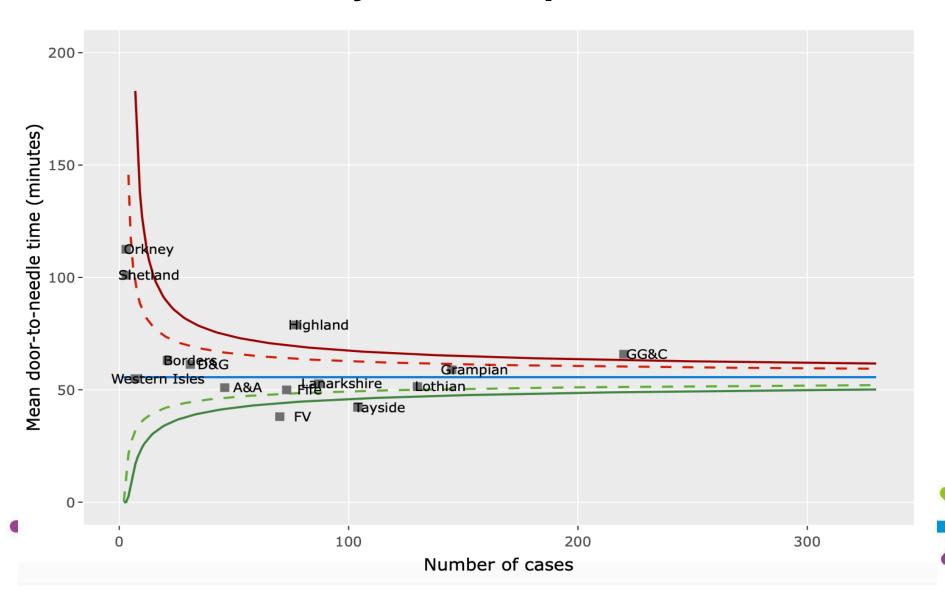
Thrombolysis: Numbers treated 2010 to 2023



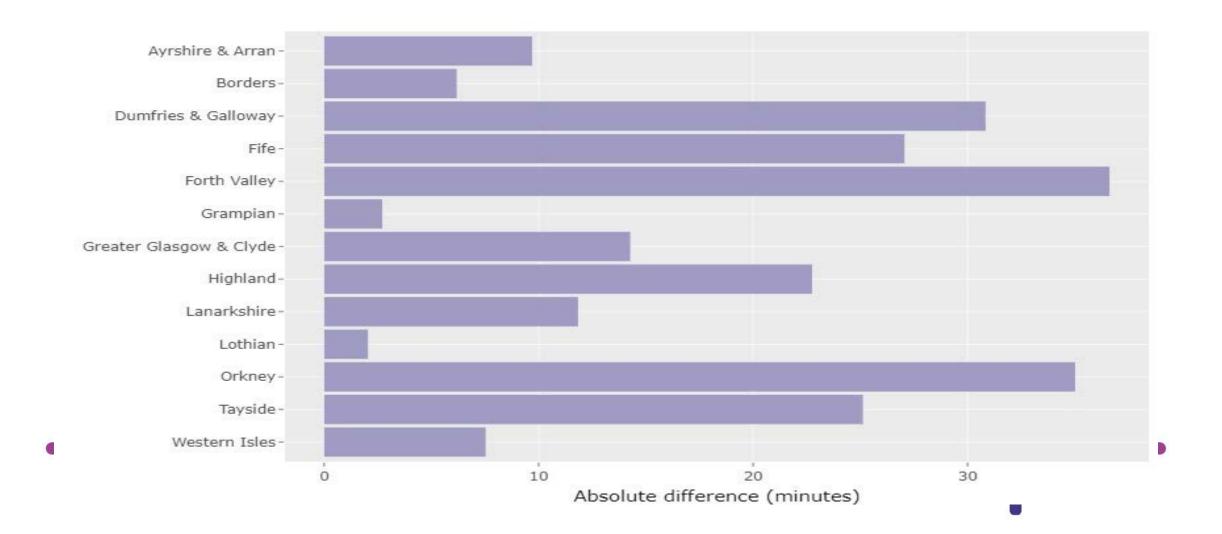
Mean door to needle time for thrombolysis 2010-2023



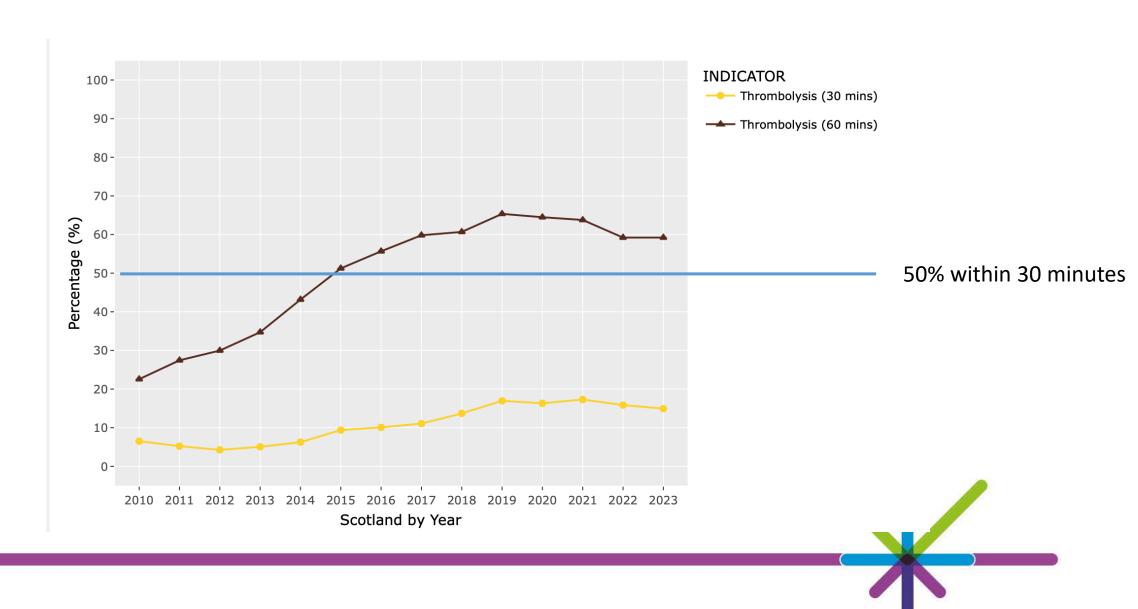
Mean DTN time by first hospital



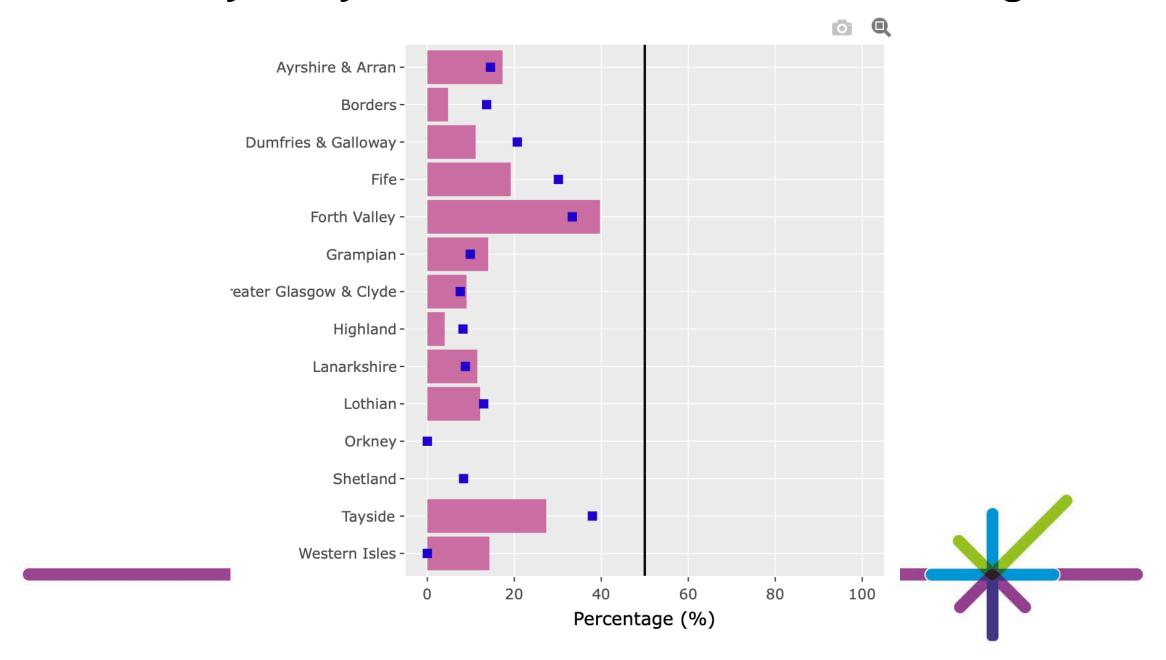
Difference in door to needle time



Percentage treated within 30 minutes and within 60 minutes



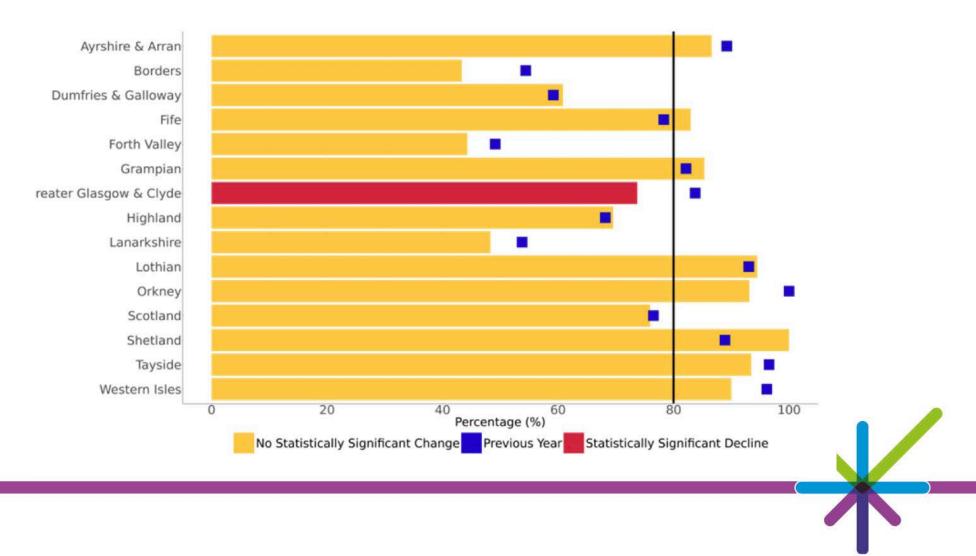
Thrombolysis by Health Board: 30-minute DTN target



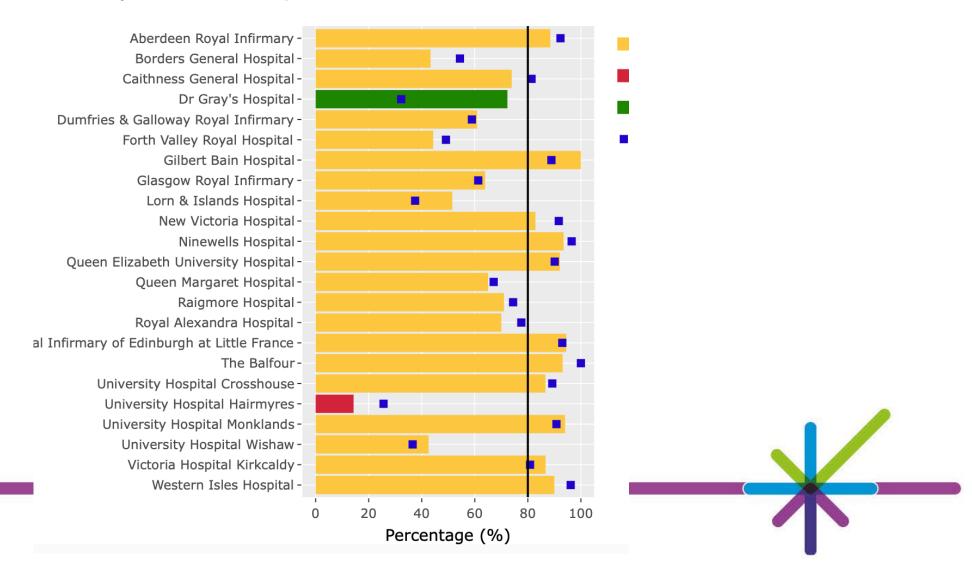
Thrombolysis summary

- >10% of patients treated good
- DTN time is still too long
- Variation in DTN time between in and out of hours
- If we can shorten DTN time by 10 minutes per patient we will save >19 billion neurons a year
- Tenecteplase 25mg will be approved shortly for ischaemic stroke (NICE/SMC)
- (More minor non-disabling strokes may be treated with DAPT in future)
- Need for simulation and training nationally

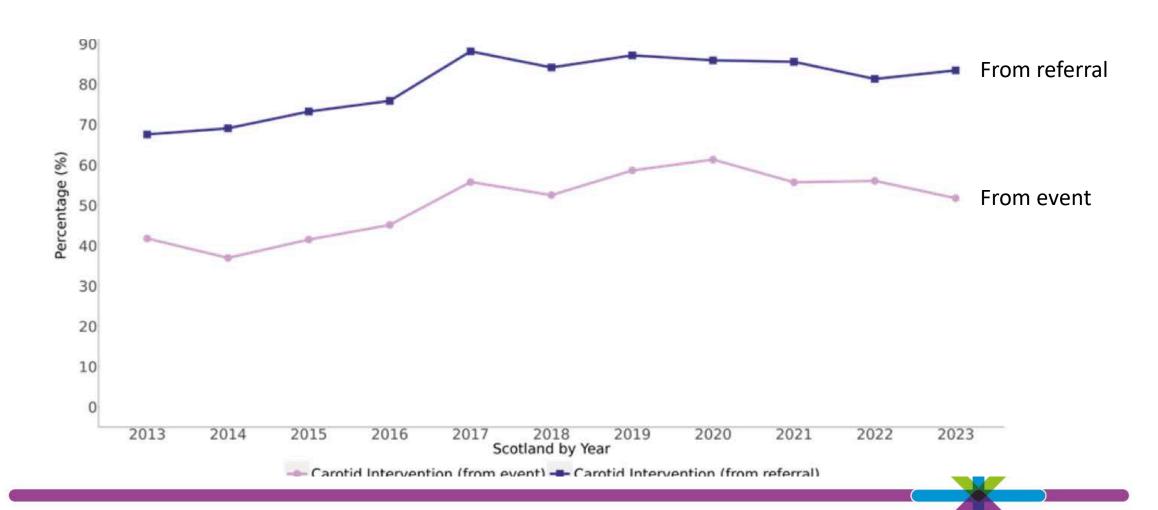
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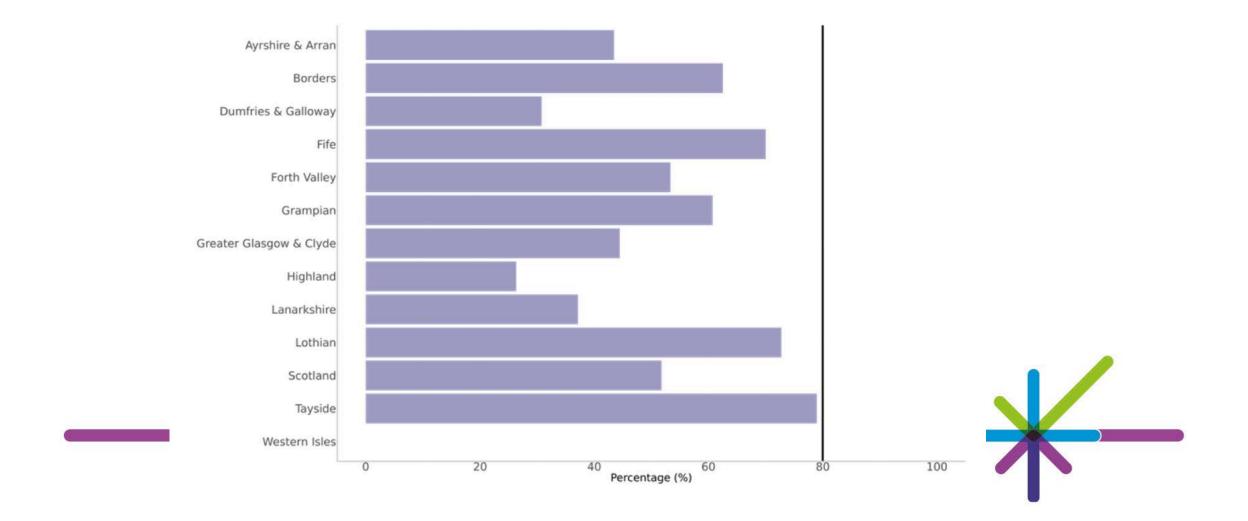
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Carotid endarterectomy: percentage within 14 days of event and referral



Event to endarterectomy by Health Board of referral



Future

- Rehabilitation Audit sprint audit underway!
- Data collection will switch to REDCap
- Thrombectomy: 3 centres operational: data capture via REDCap
 - 153 thrombectomies in 2013 (1,4% of ischaemic strokes)
- TIA bundle to capture pathway
- Intracerebral haemorrhage 'bundle' aiming to ensure important aspects of ICH care are standardised across Scotland (blood pressure management, anticoagulation reversal, neurosurgical input if appropriate).

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