

Additional file 3: Sources of notifications of potential stroke events with onsets between 1/5/2000 and 30/4/2001, with outcomes of initial and neurological assessments

	Rural	Urban	Total
a) Sources of all notifications of potential stroke events			
Ambulance service	101	383	484
GPs	124	52	176
Other Primary (incl emergency rooms)	46	231	277
Hospitals	88	82	170
Neurologists outside hospitals	14	27	41
Death certificates, autopsies	199	498	697
Miscellaneous	71	12	83
Total notifications	643	1285	1928
Events giving rise to notifications	518	1068	1586
Persons giving rise to events*	501	1026	1527
b) Initial assessments of suspect stroke events			
Residentially ineligible	59	447	506
Less than 35 years of age	0	3	3
Unequivocally not stroke	30	51	81
Unequivocally not first in lifetime	50	123	173
Abandoned	1	16	17
Other	3	10	13
Total not referred	143	650	793
Referred for assessment by neurologists	375	418	793
Discovered [†] to be ineligible by residence or age	16	35	51
c) Outcome of neurological assessments			
Confirmed to be eligible by residence and age	359	383	742
Recurrent stroke	69	64	133
Not stroke	89	101	190
Insufficient information	13	17	30
First in lifetime stroke	188	201	389
<i>Of which, aged 45 to 84</i>	<i>167</i>	<i>184</i>	<i>351</i>

* events with onsets separated by 28 d or more qualified as independent events

[†] at neurological assessment