



Executive summary of Joint Working Inputs

Heart Failure Joint Working Project.

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Project title	Heart Failure Joint Working Project.
Duration	Starting in January 2022 for 12 months for the project delivery, plus additional 4 months for final report Completing May 2023.
Project partners	Medicines Optimisation and Innovation Centre (MOIC) at Northern Health & Social Care Trust (NHSCT) on behalf of the Southern Health & Social Care Trust (SHSCT) and AstraZeneca UK Limited
What was the issue to be addressed?	<p>The overall aim of the project is to optimise the management of heart failure patients in primary and secondary care in the SHSCT.</p> <p>The specific objectives of the project are to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To deliver a virtual clinical review service, enabling Primary Care staff (GPs, Practice Nurses, General Practice Pharmacists) to have regular sessions with heart failure specialists (Cardiologists, Heart Failure Nurses) from the Trust i.e. access to specialist services. • To reduce patient waiting times to be seen by a specialist in SHSCT • To reduce referrals of patients with heart failure to emergency departments, out of hours doctors and outpatient clinics • To provide education support for multiple stakeholders within primary care • To increase understanding of the management of heart failure patients in primary care through a programme of specialist engagement and education • To assess General practitioner user satisfaction • To improve medication management of patients with heart failure in primary and secondary care through the use of the 7 steps tool