



## Executive summary of Heart Failure Joint Working Project.

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<b>Project title</b>	<b>Southern Health &amp; Social Care Trust Heart Failure Joint Working Project.</b>
<b>Duration</b>	January 2022 for 12 months for project delivery plus additional 4 months for final report.
<b>Project partners</b>	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
<b>What was the issue to be addressed?</b>	<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"><li>• 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.</li><li>• To reduce patient waiting times to be seen by a specialist in SHSCT</li><li>• To reduce referrals of patients with heart failure to emergency departments, out of hours doctors and outpatient clinics</li><li>• To provide education support for multiple stakeholders within primary care</li><li>• To increase understanding of the management of heart failure patients in primary care through a programme of specialist engagement and education</li><li>• To assess General practitioner user satisfaction</li><li>• To improve medication management of patients with heart failure in primary and secondary care through the use of the 7 steps tool</li></ul>

<b>What were the results?</b>	A total of 19 Heart Failure Virtual Clinic (HFVC) took place with a total of 276 healthcare professionals attending. The mean (range) number of healthcare professionals attending the HFVC were 15. In addition, 84% of referrals to the HFVC had a change of medication advised.

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