Suspected new heart failure in community

All entry criteria met?

- 1. Exertional or nocturnal dyspnoea: newonset or major worsening
- 2. No echo or cardio review (for dyspnoea) within last 12 months
- 3. No history of complex coronary, valvular, arrhythmic or congenital heart disease and not currently under long term supervision by a cardiology consultant

No



Not eligible for pathway:
Consider general cardiology referral

Yes



GP Action

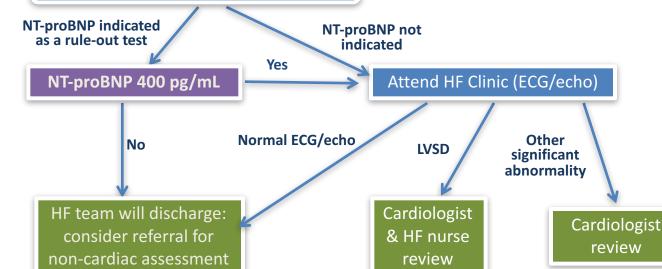
- 1. Send bloods from Heart Failure Diagnosis ICE/GPOC orderset*
- 2. SCI Referral Heart Failure (NRIE, Cardiology) please include key referral info

Key referral info

- Previous MI
- Response to diuretics
- Orthopnoea / PND
- High JVP, ankle oedema
- CXR abnormalities
- Abnormal ECG (LBBB/Q waves/LVH/AF

N.B. CXR and ECG helpful but not essential prior to referral

Heart Failure Team Action



*If ICE/GPOC is not available please request FBC, U&E & NT-proBNP (1 red topped and 2 brown topped tubes) on paper form.

If bloods are not received at the laboratory within two-weeks of the date of referral, the referral will be declined and the GP advised appropriately.