Suspected new heart failure in community

All entry criteria met?

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

Heart Failure Team Action

NT-proBNP 400 pg/mL

NT-proBNP not indicated

No

HF team will discharge: consider referral for non-cardiac assessment

Yes

Attend HF Clinic (ECG/echo)

Cardiologist & HF nurse review

Cardiologist review

Normal ECG/echo

LVSD

Other significant abnormality

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

No entry criteria met?

Not eligible for pathway: Consider general cardiology referral

1. Exertional or nocturnal dyspnoea: new-onset 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

*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.