Educational outreach, rapid open-access echocardiography and selected rapid consultant access for suspected heart failure in primary care

	Prospectively registered
No longer recruiting	☐ Protocol
Overall study status	Statistical analysis plan
Completed	Results
Condition category	Individual participant data
Circulatory System	Record updated in last year
	Completed Condition category

Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

Contact information

Type(s)

Scientific

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Additional identifiers

Protocol serial number RRCC706F R340150

Study information

Scientific Title

Study objectives

- 1. To determine the regional and national availability of open access echocardiography and other specialist diagnostic services for suspected heart failure presenting to primary care
- 2. To gain an insight into the thinking, currents practices and decision making of GPs on the diagnosis and management of heart failure in primary care
- 3. To determine GPs', general physicians', geriatricians' and cardiologists' views on the perceived barriers to the diagnosis and management of suspected heart failure in primary care
- 4. To develop and evaluate the ideal intervention for diagnosis and management of suspected heart failure in primary care

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration

Study design

Randomised controlled trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Not Specified

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Cardiovascular diseases: Heart disease

Interventions

Not provided at time of registration

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Applicable

Primary outcome(s)

- 1. Survey of diagnostic facilities.
- 2. Qualitative data on current practice, decision making and perceived barriers to diagnosis and management of suspected heart failure
- 3. An integrated care scheme for patients with suspected heart failure (outcomes to be measured will include diagnostic rates, appropriate treatment, quality of life, quality of symptom control, rates of hospital referral, rates of hospitalisation and economic costs)
- 4. An 'academic detailing' programme for training GPs to manage heart failure

Key secondary outcome(s))

Not provided at time of registration

Completion date

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

GPs, general physicians, geriatricians and cardiologists in County Durham and Teesside. Patients presenting to primary care with suspected heart failure.

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Not Specified

Sex

Not Specified

Key exclusion criteria

Not provided at time of registration

Date of first enrolment

10/01/1999

Date of final enrolment

10/01/2001

Locations

Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

England

Study participating centre 35 Abbey Road

Darlington United Kingdom DL3 7RD

Sponsor information

Organisation

Funder(s)

Funder type

Government

Funder Name

NHS Executive Northern and Yorkshire (UK)

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration

Study outputs

Output type Details Date created Date added Peer reviewed? Patient-facing?

Participant information sheet Participant information sheet 11/11/2025 11/11/2025 No Yes