

Terms of Reference North West London Heart Failure Group

This group is the principal driving force of the Network for providing guidance, advice and recommendations on all aspects of heart failure to the network board. The group will agree an annual work plan with areas for priorities clearly identified and time scales for action stated. The group will provide reports to the Network Board on a two monthly basis. The main purpose of the group being to:

1. Identify the current provision of service across the Network; identifying issues which need to be addressed and provide guidance on services, guidelines and protocols.
2. Develop a clinical vision for the service which incorporates primary, secondary and tertiary care, recommending models of care which will ensure equity of access within the framework of national guidance.
3. To interpret and advise on national guidelines, developing a common understanding of the implementation of such guidance across the network.
4. To agree common standards for heart failure management and data collection, and clinical governance mechanisms for implementation across the Network.
5. To advise on any workforce requirements or implications related to heart failure services.
6. To review and agree research priorities for the sector in relation to heart failure services.
7. To be responsible for communicating progress to the Network Board and Individual Trusts/PCTs within the sector.

Membership

Chair

Professor Martin Cowie, Consultant Cardiologist, Royal Brompton/Harefield

Other representatives:

Network Director

Service Improvement Manager

Lead Heart Failure Consultants for each Acute Trust

Cardiac Physiologist

GP/GpwSI/PCT representatives

Heart Failure Nurse Specialists

Patient Representative

Rehabilitation Nurse Specialists

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