

1. Please provide me with all of the CCG's guidelines relating to the treatment and management of Atrial Fibrillation.

2. Please provide me with the CCG's written anticoagulation policy.

Please see documents below. Further information may be available from the acute providers (see Qs 8-10 for contact details)



Switch to Dabigatran
guidelines for primary

Dabigatran
Guidelines Revised FI

Pulse Checks

3. The QOF rewards GP practices who maintain a register of Atrial Fibrillation patients. How many patients are currently on GP practices register across the CCG?

4. What are you doing to encourage primary care practitioners to carry out opportunistic pulse checks?

We do not hold this information. Primary Care, including GPs, is now commissioned by the NHS England Local Area Teams. This information should be available from them. Information on how to submit a FOI request is available here:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/>

5. Does the CCG provide pulse checks within NHS Health checks?

6. If yes, how do you ensure that these checks are routinely carried out? If no, please indicate why not?

7. Does your CCG provide any financial incentives to carry out opportunistic health checks?

CCGs do not provide NHS Health Checks. These are provided by Essex County Council. To obtain this information, please submit an FOI to the Council. Information on how to do so can be found here:

<http://www.essex.gov.uk/Your-Council/Your-Right-Know/Pages/Making-Freedom-of-Information-request.aspx>

Southend CCG – The CCG does not provide health checks, these are provided by Southend Borough Council. To obtain this information, please submit an FOI to the Council. Information on how to do so can be found here:

http://www.southend.gov.uk/info/200031/data_protection_and_freedom_of_information/211/freedom_of_information/1

Access to Arrhythmia Nurses

8. How many specialist Arrhythmia nurses operate within the CCG on either:

a) a part time basis

b) a full time basis?

9. How many patients with Atrial Fibrillation have regular contact with an arrhythmia nurse and, on average, how many times a year do they have contact with these nurses?

10. Do you operate rapid access arrhythmia clinics? If so, how many?

We do not hold this information. This would be held by the local acute trusts, contact details are below:

Southend CCG: Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust - nicola.frost@southend.nhs.uk

Access to NOACs

11. Does your medicine prescribing policy enable clinicians to prescribe the following new oral anticoagulants for the treatment of Atrial Fibrillation:

a) Dabigatran (Pradaxa)

b) Rivaroxaban (Xarelto)

c) Apixaban (Eliquis)

Yes

12. If not, please provide details of your current policy and how this differs from existing NICE guidance.

N/A

13. Within your CCG, how many Atrial Fibrillation patients in each of the last five years have:

a) been diagnosed with Atrial Fibrillation

b) been treated for Atrial Fibrillation

14. Within your CCG, how many Atrial Fibrillation patients have been prescribed one of the new oral anticoagulants for the treatment of their Atrial Fibrillation:

• **Dabigatran (Pradaxa)**

• **Rivaroxaban (Xarelto)**

• **Apixaban (Eliquis)**

We do not hold this information.

Changes to how Patient Identifiable Data (PID) can be handled mean that the CCGs are not allowed to access databases containing PID, and cannot therefore provide this.

Information on the drugs dispensed on prescriptions issued by GPs is available from the NHS Business Services Authority <http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/3418.aspx>

This information should be available from the Health and Social Care Information Centre. Their FOI contact details are available here <http://www.hscic.gov.uk/foi>

Further information may be available from acute hospitals (see Q8 response).