

A DECLARATION OF JOINT WORKING BETWEEN Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust and
ASTRAZENECA UK LTD

Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust and AstraZeneca Ltd are engaged in a Joint Working Project entitled, “**Novel, Integrated Community Cardiology Service**”

The aim and objectives of this project are:

This pilot is intended to be a scaled down version of the service we want to be commissioned by the end of this project

1. To be proactive in avoiding unplanned hospital admissions for cardiology problems, in particular heart failure.
2. To be reactive to hospital discharges with a primary diagnosis of heart failure, and see all such patients discharged from NGH within 14 days, and reduce the high re-admission rates.
3. To develop local heart failure champions within PCNs, and up skill and support GPs through training, education and MDTs
4. Have a designated daily ‘hot line’ via phone/email for GPs to direct queries about cardiology investigations/results/medication etc., to reduce unnecessary further tests, secondary care referrals, and improve evidence based care. This will help alleviate some of the growing burden of patients waiting for investigations, so those that really need the tests get them sooner.

The project will run from Dec 2021 to Dec 2022 Both parties have contributed resources to the initiative.