The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust and AstraZeneca UK Ltd are engaged in a Joint Working project called “Familial Hypercholesterolaemia Cascade Testing Service”.

This project will run from May 2014 to May 2017 and both parties have contributed resources for this initiative.

The objective of this project is to help improve and expand the current Familial Hypercholesterolaemia (FH) service in The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust. FH in the UK is estimated to affect 1 in 500. This means that an estimated 110,000 people are affected in the UK, and around 800 in the Dudley area.

The aims of this project include:
- Improved management of patients with FH through cascading of positively identified FH patients, using the PASS database
- Improved primary care HCP awareness of FH