



Joint Working Executive Summary

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Project title	Bucks and Berks AF Stroke Prevention Programme
Project partners	Oxford Academic Health Science Network Bayer plc
Project summary	<p>This is a primary care quality improvement project aimed at improving the management of atrial fibrillation patients across Buckinghamshire and Berkshire.</p> <p>The project will involve a pharmacist led data review of patients with known AF at GP Practices across Buckinghamshire and Berkshire.</p> <p>Patients will be identified who are at high risk of stroke and either not anticoagulated, or not adequately anticoagulated.</p> <p>Implementation of a consultation review and provision of optimal treatment for these patients will form part of a quality improvement project, to enable improvements in outcomes.</p> <p>A Quality Improvement Support Team will be set up to facilitate upskilling each practice to ensure implementation of patient reviews, and leave a QI expertise legacy within the practice, which can be applied to different patient groups.</p>
Expected benefits to patients, the NHS and Bayer	<p>Benefits to Patients :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prompt assessment of their anticoagulation needs• Rapid access to the most appropriate treatments• Reduction in the risk of stroke by optimising treatment• Better awareness of their condition <p>Benefits to NHS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved outcomes in AF by being able to fully implement NICE guidelines• Potential reduction in stroke rates and the demands on resources associated with that• Upskilling of primary care in both the management of AF and quality improvement techniques• Opportunity to test transferability of a successful AHSN project into a new health economy

	Benefits to Bayer: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Growing NOAC* usage through appropriate prescribing and treatment in accordance with relevant NICE guidelines• Ability to develop a partnership with an AHSN• Opportunity to test transferability of a successful AHSN collaboration into a new health economy
Start date	January 2017

* = Novel oral anticoagulants

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