



Executive Summary of Joint Working Outputs
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Project Title	Hounslow Atrial Fibrillation (AF) Community Pathway Project
Duration	September 2016 to September 2017
Project Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bayer plc • Chelsea & Westminster NHS Foundation Trust
What was the issue to be addressed?	At the outset of the project, the identified prevalence of Atrial Fibrillation (AF) in Hounslow CCG was below the expected rate. Consequently there was an increased risk of stroke in those patients with unidentified (and therefore untreated) AF.
What was the intervention?	<p>This project created a 'Community AF Pathway' intended to increase the identified prevalence of AF.</p> <p>There were two elements to the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proactive screening of patients in the community by individuals trained to identify Atrial Fibrillation and ensuring onward referral to an appropriate health care professional for management • Improvement of available information for patients
What were the results?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project was rolled out to all 52 GPs in Hounslow over the project duration. • Between August 2016 and February 2017, 3,349 patients at risk of AF received an ECG test. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In August 2016, 5% of AF at-risk patients had received an ECG test in the previous 12 months. By February 2017 this had increased to 11%