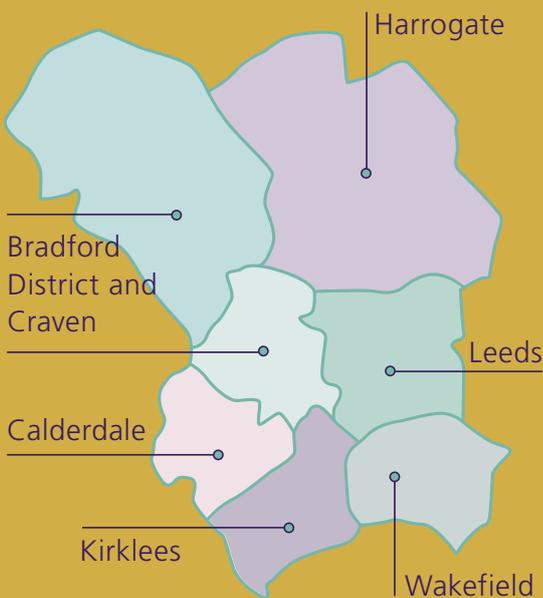


Telling our Partnership story



Proud to be the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership

Committed to improving the health and wellbeing of people living in:



- > Working to improve people's health with and for them
- > Improving people's experience of healthcare
- > Making every penny in the pound count
- > Working to keep people well and make life better for 2.6 million people living in West Yorkshire and Harrogate.



Helping to improve peoples health and quality of life following a heart attack

Our ambition

We're aiming to reduce the impact of heart disease across the region.

Around 40-50% of cardiovascular patients in West Yorkshire are not taking at least one of their long-term medicines properly, with serious implications for their health and quality of life.

In Leeds, more than 1,000 people a year are admitted to the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust with a heart attack.

We wanted to make sure that heart attack patients were getting the best out of drug therapies.



What we are doing

Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and AstraZeneca have been working jointly on a project to optimise medicines for people who have suffered a heart attack.

By running a special clinic they have been able to provide a comprehensive medicine review for people with cardiovascular disease who have recently suffered a heart attack. Through this patients have been supported to maximise the benefit from medicines.

The results are big improvements in the numbers of people having their medication adjusted successfully so they take the most effective dose post heart attack. People taking their medicines correctly, as measured at 3-6 months post attending clinic, also improved markedly.

The new service has created capacity within the cardiology outpatient clinics leading to reducing the waiting time to be seen post discharge by 44%. Patients are very pleased with the clinics, feel involved, that their needs are fully met and concerns about medicines are addressed.



What next?

After presenting the findings of the new service, it has now been commissioned by NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group and has become the new way we care for our patients after a heart attack to ensure that their medicines are optimised. This project has been NICE Quality Assured as an example of shared learning.

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