



Lewisham: Community valve clinic

South East London treatment rates for severe aortic stenosis (AS) in the Black population in remain disturbingly low, and mortality rates for untreated disease remain concerningly high.

Societal and cultural factors contribute to this. Together we can breakdown barriers. One way is through greater access to echocardiography to diagnosis AS in this population.

Sign up now to be part of our new mobile valve clinics to provide your patients with faster referral and intervention for heart valve disease.

Heart valve care near home

We are currently seeking up to 8 Lewisham GP practices to host a heart valve clinic once a month.

GPs refer to these mobile valve clinics through eRS using a simple form.

Patients get seen quicker for rapid diagnosis and intervention of heart valve disease.

Requirements

The only request from GPs is for a room to host the clinic one day a month.

We will provide the echo machine and staff (nurse, electrophysiologist). Your team would just be asked to let clinic staff know of patient's arrival for their appointment.

→ Benefits to patients

- Rapid access diagnostics closer to home
- Accelerated referral to King's College Hospital for follow up
- Nurse support for better decision making

→ Benefits to GPs, system

- Impact health inequalities across your population
- Reduced wait times for echocardiograms for suspected AS / valve disease patients
- Cultural sensitivity training for teams
- Stronger relationships across primary care and King's College Hospital

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