**Cost:**

We recruited sessional pharmacist support to collect data for this project at a cost of approx £15k although data could be collected via existing CCG or practice staff.

**Outcomes:**

This audit is currently on-going – to date we have collected data on over 1200 of more than 2200 patients prescribed DOACs across Southwark CCG. Some clear issues are emerging including lack of information provided to primary care at discharge from hospital or following anticoagulant clinic appointments, inappropriate use of low doses of DOACs and failure to heck renal function at appropriate intervals and calculate creatinine clearance in line with local guidelines.

Once the data collection is complete and the dataset has been fullu analysed we propose to:

* Feedback specific issues to primary and secondary care
* Launch revised guidance for general practice to support improved quality of prescribing and monitoring
* Undertake education sessions to support primary care practitioners
* Ensure all practice have implemented a internal process to ensure systematic review of all patients prescribed DOACs receive monitoring in line with local guidelines

**Project aims:**

1. To assess whether patients across Southwark CCG are prescribed DOACs in line with the licensed indications
2. To assess whether the dose of DOAC is appropriate based on patients weight, age and renal function
3. To assess whether appropriate monitoring has been undertaken for patients prescribed DOACs
4. To identify commonly occurring issues in the prescribing of DOACs to inform future educational events and / or development of tools and resources to address these issues

**Project title:**

**Southwark CCG: Quality and Safety Audit of DOAC Prescribing and Monitoring**

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