Working together to improve the diagnosis, treatment and quality of life for all those affected by arrhythmias

Referral Pathway for Families in Cases of Sudden Death

- Sudden unexpected cardiac death in family
  - G.P.
  - Refer to appropriate information and support resource

- G.P.
  - Refer relatives to Inherited Cardiac Disease Clinic (ICC)
  - Risk factor stratification. Treat as per guidelines
  - Fulfils diagnostic criteria

- ICC
  - Serial Follow-up Screening
  - Does not fulfil diagnostic criteria
  - Diagnostic Evaluation
  - Genetic screen negative
  - Mutation Analysis
  - Genetic Screen Positive
  - Cascade Screening
  - All takes place within the ICC

- Coroners Office
  - Obtain detailed history of deceased
  - Confirmed inherited cardiac disease
  - Letter to coroner, deceased’s GP and family. Request informed consent for tissue retention

- Coroners Pathologist
  - Post mortem examination
  - PM findings SADS or equivocal
  - Refer to Expert Pathologist. Send whole heart for examination

- Post mortem examination

- DH Department of Health

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