



Interview Schedule - Transitions

Transitions of care for patients with Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction (HFpEF) and Assessment of their Carers' needs and support required

Find out about their lives and condition

Reflections/memories of the last hospital admissions:

- a) Why have they been admitted to hospital?
- b) How did they get there?
- c) Causative factors (what patient thinks led to hospitalisation)
- d) What were their expectations of treatments and discharge

Transitions and Communication

- a) What information and support did they have about discharge and caring for themselves when they went home?
- b) How were they followed up after hospitalisation? (GP, consultant, specialist nurse or other) and when did follow-up or contact occur (did patient or provider initiate contact or appointment)
- c) Tell me about the communication between the hospital services and their GP/usual care provider?

Impact:

- a) What impact did the last hospitalisation have?
- b) What/who helped them after discharge?

Post hospital:

- a) What have they done/changed since the hospitalisation?
- b) Who/what services have they contacted?
- c) How do they help

General perceptions:

- a) Good/bad experience?
- b) Perception of choice in events unfolding?
- c) What could be better?
- d) Anything missing?
- e) How informed did they feel?

The Future:

- a) Thoughts about possible future hospitalisations?
- b) Thoughts about control, prevention, avoidance, deterioration, self-care?

- c) Continued management at home, needs, preferences
- d) Daily activities, general independence
- e) Worries, concerns

The Ideal

- a) What would be the ideal?
- b) What would make things easier or better?