## Appendix

Online Supplementary Table 2

| Read Code v2 | ReadCodePreferredTerm30 | Category |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| G58.. | Heart failure | HF |
| 662 g . | New York Heart Association classification - class II | HF |
| 662 h. | New York Heart Association classification - class III | HF |
| G5yy9 | Left ventricular systolic dysfunction | HF |
| G580. | Congestive heart failure | HF |
| G580. | Congestive heart failure | HF |
| 585 f . | Echocardiogram shows left ventricular systolic dysfunction | HF |
| 662 f . | New York Heart Association classification - class I | HF |
| G581. | Left ventricular failure | HF |
| G58z. | Heart failure NOS | HF |
| G5802 | Decompensated cardiac failure | HF |
| G5yyC | Diastolic dysfunction | HF |
| G580. | Congestive heart failure | HF |
| G5yyA | Left ventricular diastolic dysfunction | HF |
| 585g. | Echocardiogram shows left ventricular diastolic dysfunction | HF |
| G5801 | Chronic congestive heart failure | HF |
| G5800 | Acute congestive heart failure | HF |
| G583. | Heart failure with normal ejection fraction | HF |
| G583. | Heart failure with normal ejection fraction | HF |
| G581. | Left ventricular failure | HF |
| G582. | Acute heart failure | HF |
| G580. | Congestive heart failure | HF |
| G58.. | Heart failure | HF |
| G584. | Right ventricular failure | HF |
| G581. | Left ventricular failure | HF |
| G5810 | Acute left ventricular failure | HF |
| G5804 | Congestive heart failure due to valvular disease | HF |
| 21264 | Heart failure resolved | HF |
| G581. | Left ventricular failure | HF |
| G58z. | Heart failure NOS | HF |


| G5yyB | Right ventricular diastolic dysfunction | HF |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| G5803 | Compensated cardiac failure | HF |
| G58z. | Heart failure NOS | HF |
| G583. | Heart failure with normal ejection fraction | HF |
| G580. | Congestive heart failure | HF |
| SP111 | Cardiac insufficiency as a complication of care | HF |
| G581. | Left ventricular failure | HF |
| 101.. | Heart failure confirmed | HF |
| G1yz1 | Rheumatic left ventricular failure | HF |
| G232. | Hypertensive heart \& renal dis with (congestive) heart failure | HF |
| G234. | Hypertension heart \& renal dis+both (congestv) heart and renal fail | HF |
| G580. | Congestive cardiac failure | HF |
| G580. | Right heart failure | HF |
| G580. | Right ventricular failure | HF |
| G580. | Biventricular failure | HF |
| G58.. | Cardiac failure | HF |
| G581. | Asthma - cardiac | HF |
| G581. | Impaired left ventricular function | HF |
| G58z. | Cardiac failure NOS | HF |
| 14A6. | H/O: heart failure | HF |
| 14AM. | H/O: Heart failure in last year | HF |
| SP111 | Heart failure as a complication of care | HF |
| 662 i. | New York Heart Association classification - class IV | HF |
| G58z. | Weak heart | HF |
| G5y4z | Post cardiac operation heart failure NOS | HF |
| 1 J 60. | suspected heart failure | HF |
| 388D. | new york heart assoc classification heart failure symptoms | HF |
| G210. | malignant hypertensive heart disease | HF |
| G2101 | malignant hypertensive heart disease with ccf | HF |
| G2111 | benign hypertensive heart disease with ccf | HF |
| G21z1 | hypertensive heart disease nos with ccf | HF |
| G230. | malignant hypertensive heart and renal disease | HF |
| G41z. | chronic cor pulmonale | HF |
| G5540 | congestive cardiomyopathy | HF |


| G5540 | congestive obstructive cardiomyopathy | HF |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| G5571 | beriberi heart disease | HF |
| R2y10 | [d]cardiorespiratory failure | HF |
|  | ICD10 diagnosis |  |
|  | I500 - Congestive heart failure |  |
|  | I501 - Left ventricular failure |  |
|  | I509 - Heart failure, unspecified |  |
| I420 - Dilated cardiomyopathy |  |  |
| I255 - Ischaemic cardiomyopathy |  |  |
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Online Supplementary Table 2. Discover-NOW and ICD-10 codes for heart failure.

Online Supplementary Table 3

| ICD10 diagnosis | Number of patients | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% of } \\ \text { patients } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| J181 - Lobar pneumonia, unspecified | 1261 | 7\% |
| 1214 - Acute subendocardial myocardial infarction | 759 | 4\% |
| 1251 - Atherosclerotic heart disease | 676 | 4\% |
| J189 - Pneumonia, unspecified | 639 | 3\% |
| 1489-Atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter, unspecified | 538 | 3\% |
| A419-Sepsis, unspecified | 420 | 2\% |
| N390-Urinary tract infection, site not specified | 335 | 2\% |
| J440 - Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with acute lower respiratory infection | 310 | 2\% |
| 1249 - Acute ischaemic heart disease, unspecified | 301 | 2\% |
| R074 - Chest pain, unspecified | 280 | 1\% |
| J22X - Unspecified acute lower respiratory infection | 277 | 1\% |
| 1210-Acute transmural myocardial infarction of anterior wall | 272 | 1\% |
| N179 - Acute renal failure, unspecified | 252 | 1\% |
| J690 - Pneumonitis due to food and vomit | 196 | 1\% |
| R296 - Tendency to fall, not elsewhere classified | 184 | 1\% |
| 48X - Atrial fibrillation and flutter | 177 | 1\% |
| L031-Cellulitis of other parts of limb | 175 | 1\% |
| U071-Emergency use of U07.1 | 173 | 1\% |
| 1211-Acute transmural myocardial in farction of inferior wall | 172 | 1\% |
| R060 - Dyspnoea | 163 | 1\% |
| Other | 11,278 | 60\% |


| Grand Total | 18,838 | $100 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |

Online Supplementary Table 3. Primary diagnosis of patients diagnosed with heart failure coded as their secondary diagnosis.

Online Supplementary Table 4

|  | Total | Community <br> Pathway | $\%$ | Hospital <br> Pathway | $\%$ | p-value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total number of <br> comorbidities |  |  |  |  |  | $<0.0001$ |
| $\mathbf{0}$ | - | 936 | 9 | 2020 | 9 |  |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | - | 2479 | 23 | 4822 | 21 |  |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | - | 3073 | 28 | 6497 | 28 |  |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | - | 4385 | 40 | 9808 | 42 |  |

Online Supplementary Table 4. Prevalence of multiple comorbidities in each diagnostic pathway.

## Online Supplementary Table 5

|  | Total | Community <br> Pathway | \% | Hospital <br> Pathway | $\%$ | p-value |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Patients with at least <br> one HF symptom <br> recorded in primary <br> care prior to index date | 7713 | 2738 | 35 | 4975 | 65 | 3.65 |
| Patients with no <br> symptoms of HF <br> recorded in primary <br> care prior to index date | 26305 | 8135 | 31 | 18170 | 69 |  |

Online Supplementary Table 5. Prevalence of HF symptoms prior to index date.

Online Supplementary Table 6

| Health service utilisation | Community | Hospital |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ED attendances (before diagnosis) | $£ 297$ | $£ 398$ |  |  |  |
| ED attendances (after diagnosis) | $£ 457$ | $£ 552$ |  |  |  |
| Diagnosis spell in hospital | - | $£ 4,207$ |  |  |  |
| Non-elective admission (before diagnosis) | $£ 3,328$ | $£ 4,397$ |  |  |  |
| Non-elective admission (after diagnosis) | $£ 6,699$ | $£ 8,749$ |  |  |  |
| Day case elective procedure (before diagnosis) | $£ 1,165$ | $£ 1,276$ |  |  |  |
| Day case elective procedure (after diagnosis) | $£ 1,335$ | $£ 1,358$ |  |  |  |
| Elective admission before diagnosis | $£ 3,189$ | $£ 2,788$ |  |  |  |
| Elective admission before diagnosis | $£ 3,365$ | $£ 3,572$ |  |  |  |
| Outpatient (first visit) before diagnosis | $£ 418$ | $£ 457$ |  |  |  |
| Outpatient (first visit) after diagnosis | $£ 496$ | $£ 504$ |  |  |  |
| Outpatient (follow-up) before diagnosis | $£ 335$ | $£ 443$ |  |  |  |
| Outpatient (follow-up) before diagnosis | $£ 396$ | $£ 411$ |  |  |  |
| Outpatient procedure (before diagnosis) | $£ 367$ | $£ 406$ |  |  |  |
| Outpatient procedure (after diagnosis) | $£ 390$ | $£ 389$ |  |  |  |
| Primary care encounters (before diagnosis) | $£ 4471$ | $£ 4,876$ |  |  |  |
| Primary care encounters (after diagnosis) | $£ 4869$ | $£ 2,136$ |  |  |  |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  |
| Difference | $£ 39,864$ | $£ 319$ |  |  |  |

Online Supplementary Table 6. Non-propensity matched cost consequence analysis by diagnostic pathway.

