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- Q1 How many patients are currently awaiting surgery with Mr Hoschitzky?
- A1 [Information not held – not applicable, Mr Hoschitzky is not an consultant at Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital \(LHCH\)](#)
- Q2 How many of these will be operated on at CMFT, and how many will require transfer to other centres?
- A2 [Information not held – not applicable to LHCH as above](#)
- Q3 What is the timeline for:
a. A temporary surgical appointment
b. A permanent appointment
c. Another solution to be put into place
- A3 [Information not held – not applicable to LHCH as above](#)
- Q4 What arrangements were in place for Mr Hoschitzky's previous annual leave, and any illness absences?
- A4 [Information not held – not applicable to LHCH as above](#)
- Q5 Why is there no official written statement from CMFT that can be shared with members? When will this be placed on the CMFT website?
- A5 [Information not held – not applicable to LHCH](#)
- Q6 When will those patients awaiting surgery be contacted? Will a helpline for concerned patients be set up?
- A6 [Information not held – not applicable to LHCH](#)
- Q7 How will disruption to teenagers who are due to transition be minimised? We know of one case already that needs to transition out of area for imminent surgery?
- A7 [Information not held – not applicable to LHCH](#)
- Q8 How many emergency cases require surgical intervention in a year? What is the plan for handling these patients? What is the additional time to surgery for these patients and will this affect considerations like the "Golden Hour"?
- A8 [Information not held – not applicable to LHCH as above](#)

- Q9 Mr Hasan is listed by CMFT and the NICOR website as an adult congenital heart surgeon in Manchester? Could you confirm his current status?
- A6 Information not held – not applicable to LHCH
- Q10 What is the status of the “5 cardiac surgeons who carry out congenital procedures and 3 Cardiologists who carry out congenital procedures” listed on the Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital website? Why can they not provide cover?
- A10 The cardiac surgeons who carry out cardiac surgical procedures at Liverpool Heart Chest Hospital and the cardiologists who carry out cardiac interventions carry out a wide range of surgical procedures and cardiac interventions. Some of the procedures carried out by this team are classed as ‘congenital’ procedures and are reported to NICOR (National Institute for Cardiovascular Outcomes Research).
- It is not practicable for the surgeons and cardiologists working from Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital to operate on patients at Central Manchester due to their existing commitments in Liverpool Heart and Chest and the requirement, to provide safe on call cover to hospitals over 40 miles apart.
- Q11 Given Mr Hoschtitzky’s joint appointment with Alder Hey:
- What is the impact on the surgical capacity of Alder Hey and how will this be addressed?
 - Why has there been no cross training of Alder Hey surgeons on adult congenital patients – this would have provided a more resilient system?
- A11 Information not held – not applicable to LHCH
- Q12 In looking to answers for some of these questions we would have been aided if CMFT had responded to the questions in the NHS England assessment of the impact of moving the surgical service to Liverpool.
- Why did CMFT not respond?
 - Can CMFT confirm that the patient tariff funding is directly used on the congenital heart services?
- A12 Information not held – not applicable to LHCH
- Q13 We understand that four working groups, and an overarching steering group, have been set up to look at critical patient pathways
- Patient involvement so far has been non-existent, in designing patient pathways the patient experience should be central to the planning, not an afterthought – when will patients and their representatives be fully involved in this process?
 - What data is being considered by these groups? When will this be shared by CMFT & NHS England with Children’s Heart Association?
 - What are the Terms of Reference, membership and work-plans for these groups?
- A13 Information not held – not applicable to LHCH