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From: Commercial
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Subject: NHS Ablation Policies

Q1 Please describe what written guidelines / protocols and governance procedures are currently in place at Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital for the management of AF ablation treatment? Please attach a copy of Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital's written protocol for the management of AF ablation treatments.

Q2 Please confirm the inclusion and exclusion criteria that Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital follows for patients with:

- Paroxysmal and Persistent AF
- Paroxysmal AF only
- Persistent AF only

Q3 Please confirm the decision making process governing 'redo' / repeat procedures.

A1-A3 We do not have an internal guidelines / protocols LHCH document for the management of AF ablation treatment, but we have published or approach to our management of AF ablation treatments.

<https://www.eplabdigest.com/streamlined-approach-catheter-ablation-atrial-fibrillation>

We follow ESC and BHRS guidelines and our data is subject to scrutiny by NICOR (National Heart Rhythm Audit).
We are also active in our contribution to the upcoming NICE guidelines.

Q4 Please confirm what written patient information is offered to patients undergoing AF ablation procedures and attach a copy.

A4 Information exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 - 'Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means'.
This information is available in the Our Patients section of our website; within Patient Information Leaflets: <http://www.lhch.nhs.uk/media/1060/ctals008-a5-ablation-for-af-may-12-a4-version.pdf>