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Subject: Post mortem procedures for patients with cardiac devices

Q1 How many patients pass through your morgue each year?

A1 Information not held – Mortuary services for the Trust are provided by the Liverpool University Hospitals. Please contact them directly at FOIRequests@liverpoolft.nhs.uk.

Q2 Approximately what proportion of these have a cardiac implantable device in situ? (PPM, ICD, ILR)

A2 Information not held- as per A1

Q3 Does the hospital morgue also take deaths from the community, or is it for inpatients only?

A3 Information not held- as per A1

Q4 Is there a cardiac physiology department on site at your hospital?

A4 Yes

Q5 If a patient has a cardiac device in situ, is it routine practice for a device check to be undertaken after death?

A5 No

Q6 If yes, is the information regarding rhythm/therapies at the time of death routinely added to the patient's notes/ hospital record?

A6 Not applicable- as per A5

Q7 If yes, is the information regarding rhythm/therapies at the time of death routinely passed on to the clinical team?

A7 Not applicable- as per A5

Q8 If no, and this is not routine practice, are there ever exceptions to this, i.e., occasions where a post-death device check is requested by the clinical team?

A8 This has happened on occasion at the request of the coroner.

Q9 If yes, please elaborate (for example, how often or under what circumstances this occurs).

A9 Not applicable- as per A5