

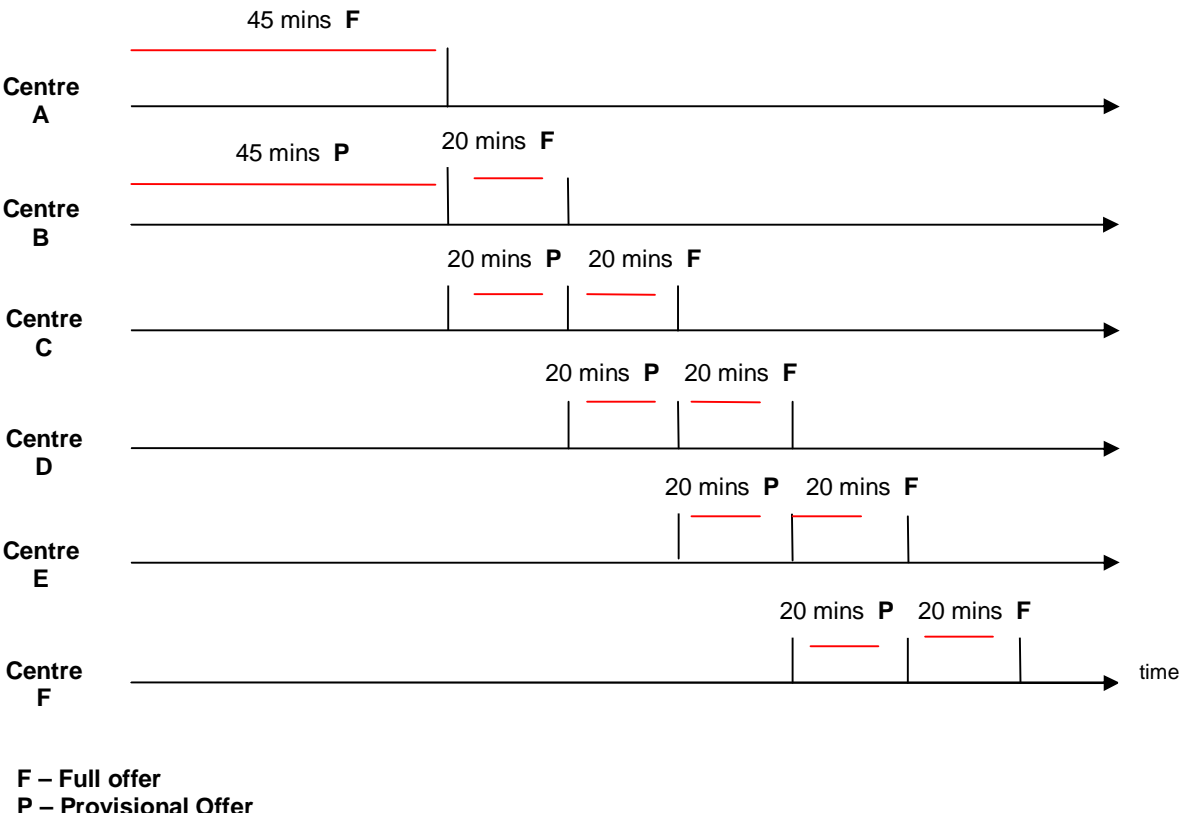
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CHANGES TO OFFERING TIMES - DRAFT

The current offering time system, as noted in the existing heart and lung allocation policies, is as follows;

- Offers will be made in accordance with the cardiothoracic centre rotas for offering donor hearts, on the basis of a firm offer to the first centre and a provisional offer to the second in line
- For all cases, centres to which a firm offer has been made must advise the ODT Duty Office within 45 minutes whether they wish to accept or decline the offer. If the organ is declined, it will be offered to the second in line as a firm offer and to the third in line as a provisional offer, and so on throughout the heart allocation sequence.
- If an offer is accepted by the first centre outside of the agreed time and the offer has already been accepted by the second centre, the donor heart will be automatically allocated to the second centre. For firm offers made to a centre previously advised provisionally, the ODT Duty Office must be advised within 30 minutes whether they wish to accept or decline the firm offer
- A centre to which an offer has been made will retain its place on the heart allocation sequence while a decision is pending, although the ODT Duty Office will use discretion in offering a second time to centres which are currently considering an offer. If the centre chooses to decline the offer of an organ, it will retain its place in the centre rota
- The centre should maintain contact with the local donor procurement coordinator during the offering sequence and the retrieval surgeon is empowered to abort the offering sequence on the basis of increasing donor instability that is likely to jeopardise other solid organ retrieval
 - Wherever possible echocardiography and invasive monitoring (including cardiac output studies) should be utilised to endorse this decision

In order to reduce any unnecessary time spent offering organs and to make the process more efficient, the following system illustrated in **Figure 1** is proposed to replace the existing one. As soon as the assigned time period elapses, the Duty Office or SNOD will move on to the next offer – it is not obligatory for the Duty Office or SNOD to contact a centre that has not responded before moving on. Note that **Figure 1** illustrates the offering time sequence for six centres ranked in a particular order, however the same process applies to six (and more) individually named patients, for example urgent heart patients.

Figure 1



Text describing proposed process...