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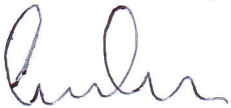
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Dear Steven,

The new principles of urgent and super urgent heart allocation are designed to ensure that the sickest patients receive priority for suitable donors, and this has been endorsed by all UK cardiothoracic transplant centres. In the recent past there has been a large increase in the size of the urgent waiting list, and this has been anticipated with our changes to donor allocation criteria. However, one issue that has concerned us is that there does seem to be a large variation in units with respect to the number of patients urgently listed from a particular unit. If the new guidelines are not uniformly interpreted across all centres, the ultimate aim of allocating organs to the sickest patients will not be met. With that in mind, we are writing to you to request that the criteria by which patients are urgently, or super urgently listed, are audited to ensure uniform adherence by all centres to agreed criteria.

Thank-you very much for your consideration of this matter, and with our best wishes,

Yours sincerely



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