

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- (i) To recommend the best service configuration for a national adult cardiac service with population-based regional cardiac networks and network hospitals by:
 - establishing population-based need at national, hospital group and county level for adult cardiac services
 - setting out minimum service requirements (including for relevant sub-speciality services) relating to staffing, activity, performance, and any measure deemed relevant to the scope and these terms of reference
 - setting out how service configuration and minimum operational requirements are supported by evidence, where available, and/or conform to international best practice and standards
 - examining and validating activity and related operational information from existing services within the scope to determine their ability to meet the minimum requirements set out
- (ii) To explicitly consider the sustainability of the service for the following 10-15 years, with specific regard to manpower requirements, capital requirements and clinical/technological advances
- (iii) To set out appropriate clinical governance and performance information requirements for all components of the service to ensure that:
 - patients have access to service based on clinical need rather than geographic location
 - the safety and quality at each level of service including national level can be audited against evidence based safety and quality standards and reported in public
 - resources are utilised in the most clinically effective and efficient manner possible to meet service needs