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## CARDIOLOGY

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This service is provided on an inpatient and outpatient basis. There are approximately 900 new outpatients and 1,800 inpatient episodes per annum. The cardiac investigations department offers a number of procedures many on a direct access basis including: exercise stress testing, transthoracic echocardiography, 24 hour ambulatory ECG, 24 hour ambulatory BP recording, event recording, dobutamine stress echocardiography, transoesophageal echocardiography and head-up tilt-testing. Invasive investigations (catheterisation) are conducted at the RVH site by Mater consultants. Guidelines and care pathways for the management of Myocardial Infarction and Acute Coronary Syndromes are in place. The cardiac rehabilitation service is led by a cardiac nurse specialist. This programme helps promote a healthier and improved quality of life through education, counselling, exercise and behaviour change. The programme is divided into four parts: inpatient stay, immediate post discharge, outpatient programme and long term community support.

 Catherine Bligh	Specialist Nurse - <i>Cardiac rehabilitation</i>
 Bernie Downey	Specialist Nurse - <i>Cardiac rehabilitation</i>
 Andrew McAllister	Consultant (Locum)
 Brian McClements	Consultant
 Colin Robinson	Resuscitation Training Officer

### LOCATION OF CARDIOLOGY SERVICES

Cardiac Investigations	Dempsey Building	Level 1
Inpatient cardiology	McAuley Building	Level 2
Outpatient cardiology	Dempsey Building	Level 2