

	Hospital 1	Hospital 2
Number of cardiologist (perform angiography)	6 (4)*	2(2)
AMI case load per year	257 patients	249 patients
Guidelines for AMI management	Yes	Yes
Junior doctors	Senior house officers and registrars	Senior house officers and registrars
Catchment population	Approximately 400,000	Approximately 280,000
Policy on cardiologist managing AMI	To see all patients	To see all patients
Follow up by cardiologist	Yes	Yes
Coronary Care Unit	6 beds	8 beds
Admission route	Via GPs, A & E, paramedical crew, directly to CCU	Via GPs, A&E, Medical Admissions Ward, general wards, paramedics
Other beds for step down	24 beds	15 beds
Use of cardiac enzymes and markers of myocardial necrosis	Yes, including troponin T	Yes, including troponin T
Policy on exercise testing	All patients before discharge except if contraindicated	All patients 3 weeks after MI
Policy on echocardiography	All patients	All patients
Policy on angiography	Access to all eligible	Access to all eligible
Cardiac rehabilitation	Yes offered	Yes offered

GP – general practitioners

A & E – accident and emergency department

AMI – Acute Myocardial Infarction

*Includes academic staff