Are all services moving?
No, all of the outpatient cardiology clinics currently provided at University College Hospital will remain as before. Thoracic surgery will remain at the Heart Hospital site. A separate leaflet about thoracic surgery is available.

Where can I find out more information?
As we get nearer to the time when services will move, we will provide more information on our websites and on posters and leaflets in clinics and in patient areas. Look out for these or ask a member of the team who is caring for you.

Visit the UCLH website www.uclh.nhs.uk or the Barts Health website: www.bartshealth.nhs.uk

Who do I contact if I have concerns about the transfer of my care?
If you have concerns about the transfer of your care, speak to a member of the team who is caring for you or contact us on the details below.

Contact details
Tel: 020 3456 6036 (until 27 April 2015)
Tel: 020 3456 3000 (after 27 April 2015)
heartmoveenquiries@uclh.nhs.uk

St. Bartholomew's Hospital, West Smithfield, London, EC1A 1BB
Introduction

UCLH, the NHS trust responsible for the Heart Hospital, is working with Barts Health NHS Trust to create a brand new centre at St Bartholomew’s Hospital. The centre will be called Barts Heart Centre and will be run by Barts Health NHS Trust. It will have the very latest equipment and facilities for treating cardiovascular conditions and heart attacks.

From 27 April – 6 May 2015, we are planning to move cardiovascular services from the Heart Hospital to the new Barts Heart Centre.

Why are we moving?

We want to continue to improve our patient care by combining the best of the cardiac services at the Heart Hospital and St Bartholomew’s Hospital into one centre.

A dedicated centre will concentrate specialist services in larger numbers which improves outcomes and reduces complications – this can save even more lives a year by providing patients with world-class care at every stage - from prevention and diagnosis, through to treatment and rehabilitation.

The current high quality services at UCLH and Barts need to come together to achieve this goal. Seeing more patients with the same condition will allow our expert dedicated teams to develop and improve their skills, which will save even more lives – especially where treatments and techniques change quickly.

What will happen in 2015?

We are planning to move cardiovascular services from the Heart Hospital to the new Barts Heart Centre from 27 April 2015. Once services have moved completely by 6 May 2015, no cardiovascular services will be provided from the Heart Hospital site.

What does this mean for my care?

From 6 May 2015, the team that is caring for you and your relevant medical records will transfer to the new Barts Heart Centre. This means that there will be no change to your care – only the location of your care will change.

We will contact you in advance to inform you where your next appointment will be, giving you plenty of time so that you know exactly where to go. This will include the address, location, transport links, a map of the new Barts Heart Centre at St Bartholomew’s hospital and contact information.

What if I already have appointments booked in 2015?

You will keep your appointment but we will let you know well in advance if we need to change the time, date or appointment location (i.e. from the Heart Hospital to the new Barts Heart Centre).

If I have to travel further than I do at the moment to get to St Bartholomew’s, can I get help with travel?

If you are already eligible for help with transport or transport costs, this will continue. A separate leaflet on transport to the Barts Heart Centre will be available closer to the time.

Will telephone contact details change?

The Heart Hospital main contact numbers will remain the same until cardiovascular services have completely moved. At this time, the telephone contact numbers will change to Barts Heart Centre telephone numbers. If you call the Heart Hospital after this happens, you will hear a recording with the new contact details of the Barts Heart Centre.