



Report key messages	
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<b>Key message 1:</b>	Following a significant fall in device and ablation procedures during the first pandemic year, activity recovered, although not completely, during the second pandemic year. Recovery has been rapid in some regions and slower in others.
<b>Key message 2:</b>	The use of cryoballoon ablation for AF increased steadily until 2020/21, but levels of use have stabilised. The use of leadless pacemakers increased dramatically in 2021/22.
<b>Key message 3:</b>	The number of NHS centres reporting small volumes of device procedures, in particular complex devices, has lessened but remains high.
<b>Key message 4:</b>	There are a large number of low volume implanting and ablating consultants. This is partly due to poor submissions of GMC numbers by some centres.
<b>Key message 5:</b>	Compliance with NICE guidelines remains good for pacemakers and ICDs.
<b>Key message 6:</b>	Data submission in some ancillary fields is improving but remains inadequate.
<b>Key message 7:</b>	The UK has acceptably low re-intervention rates for devices. The rates of reintervention for AF ablation are too low but are improving again.
<b>100-word summary or abstract of the report:</b>	
This report focuses on cardiac device and ablation procedures between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022, and provides a record of those procedures in 172 device implanting centres and 59 ablating centres. The online appendices detail CRM device and ablation activity in the individual centres. The report documents the partial recovery in procedure numbers after the drastic impact that the COVID-19 pandemic had on procedure numbers in 2020-21. Recovery has been variable in different regions in England and Wales. Encouragingly, reintervention rates remain low for devices and are improving for ablation procedures. There are signs that training numbers are improving.	