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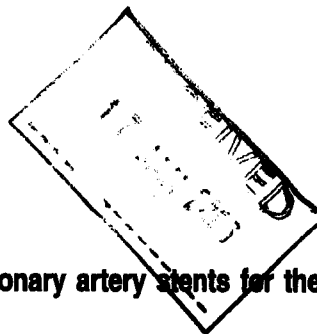
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Dear Ms Longson,

Re: Health Technology Appraisal: Coronary artery stents for the prevention of ischaemic heart disease (review of guidance no. 71)

Thank you for sending me a copy of the assessment report produced by the Liverpool Reviews and Implementation Group.

I have no comments at this stage other than that I think the title Coronary artery stents for the prevention of ischaemic heart disease would be highly misleading and I presume the intention is to change the word prevention to treatment or management.

Finally, on a somewhat less serious note, I was somewhat surprised to see that your database has our hospital listed as the London Ghost Hospital. I can assure you that the London Chest Hospital is still alive, having been founded in 1848 and is probably the oldest specialised Chest Hospital in the world! It obviously should be the London Chest Hospital.

With best wishes,



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