Delivery centre assessment:

* Is this a valid level 4 emergency surgery referral with likely good outcome from emergency surgery ?
* Is the imaging available at the delivery centre?
* Is the patients COVID status known?

COVID likely

COVID unlikely

COVID positive?

Unlikely suitable for emergency cardiac surgery

Final case by case decision by on call surgeon

Assessment by:

CT chest , LDH, WCC

Detailed history and clinical examination

COVID unknown

Transfer to delivery centre for emergency surgery ASAP

COVID negative

Referral received by delivery centre

Level 4 patient in DGH

Referral made to normal cardiac surgery centre (if unaware of PLECS)

Mini -triage – is this a valid referral?