Cardiologist cures Coventry mother of racing heart beat

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A mum of three has been given a new lease of life thanks to one of the country's leading cardiology experts who is helping to cure patients from abnormally fast heart beats.

Experts at University Hospital in Coventry passed catheters from the top of 34-year-old Joanne Green's leg until it reached her heart, where the problem was identified.

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Cardiologist Dr Faziel Osman and his team then burnt away a small area of the heart that was causing Joanne's heart beat to race as part of a new trailblazing service in the NHS.

Joanne, from Coundon in Coventry, was awake throughout the two hour procedure and was able to go home the following day.

The operation cured her almost instantly and provided much needed relief from symptoms including palpitations and feeling constantly tired.

Dr Osman, consultant cardiologist with an interest in Arrhythmias, said: "Heart rhythm problems can

be very troubling for patients with lots of symptoms. We usually treat these with medication, which can be effective but not always, and can have significant side-effects.

“This treatment gives a cure so patients don’t have to put up with ongoing medical therapy or symptoms and, as a result, improves their quality of life.”

Joanne said: “A problem with my heart beat was identified during the birth of my second child and I lived with symptoms until I was referred to University Hospital where they were able to pin-point the problem.

“I was given two choices, I could either take medication for the rest of my life or I could have this quick and easy procedure that would cure me – it was the best decision I have ever made and I haven’t looked back since.”

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