

NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT
CARDIOTHORACIC ADVISORY GROUP

**SUPER-URGENT LUNG CATEGORY FOR EXCEPTIONAL
CIRCUMSTANCE – CATEGORY 93**

BACKGROUND

1 At the end of March 2018, a patient was presented to the CTAG Lung Adjudication Panel with exceptional circumstances. The patient was deemed clinically very urgent (see details over the page (**Removed as patient identifiable**)). Approval was given for Urgent listing initially, but following submission of additional information and a further decline in the patient's condition, approval was given for Super-Urgent listing at the beginning of April. As at 18 April 2018 the patient has been waiting for 12 days on the Super-Urgent Lung Allocation Scheme (SULAS).

2 The current categories for the SULAS are:

Category 91 – Patient supported with VV-ECMO as a bridge to transplant and previously registered on the ULAS or NULAS

Category 92 – Patient supported with iLA as a bridge to transplant and previously registered on the ULAS or NULAS

PROPOSAL

3 It is proposed that a new category be introduced to allow any future exceptional cases that do not fulfil Category 91 or 92 to be listed in the super-urgent tier, as follows:

Category 93 – Patient at imminent risk of dying or irreversible complications and/or other exceptional circumstances, with agreement from CTAG Adjudication Panel

ACTION

4 Members are asked to decide whether they agree to this new category. If endorsed, then the Lung Allocation Policy (POL231) and Super-Urgent/Urgent Lung Recipient Registration Form (FRM5769) will need to be updated to incorporate the new category. There will also need to be an IT change to allow capture of this new category, but in the short-term any cases can be registered under category 59 (other urgent category) but on the SULAS as opposed to the ULAS.