

ODT Medical Director's Communication



June 2018

Dear Colleagues,

Retrieval – more capacity required?

In mid-May we held an important meeting to discuss the above subject.

On these pages we have celebrated the increase in the numbers of organ Donors with a consequent surge in successful transplantation. Yet the increased frequency and intensity of workload has stretched all the donation and transplant teams across the UK.

I am very grateful to Keith Rigg who agreed to work with Karen Quinn and her commissioning team in order to look at the response that was required and whether a further increase in capacity of retrieval teams was necessary.

Working with a representative core group, Keith and Karen asked that predictions of the increased workload be produced. With this information, Kate Martin from the Statistics and Clinical Studies department performed a superb piece of work where she modelled numerous simulations with the key principles of:

1. Moving towards equity of workload across teams, and
2. Reducing travel for teams

All these options were reviewed by the Core Group and those deemed workable were described to the meeting - those present included representatives from each retrieval team and transplant service managers.

After much discussion two actions were agreed:

1. The most likely option to meet capacity and demand, whilst taking account of all levels of effectiveness, was to increase the on-call times of part time teams in order, at any particular time, to increase overall capacity. Of course, this option will require discussion with the teams and agreement at senior management and board level within NHSBT.
2. It was clear from the simulations that linking a particular retrieval team with a certain number of donor hospitals, by geography, helped fulfil the two principles above. This will therefore be introduced, as soon as feasible, and some retrieval unit members are aiding the commissioning staff with the process of coupling hospitals with teams.

I am grateful to Keith Rigg, the Core Group, Kate Martin and everyone present at this useful meeting.

Other information:

Below you will find some information on the 'MASH' form (Medical and Social History Screening History) and 'Gift of Life' booklets.

Yours sincerely,



Professor John Forsythe
Medical Director
Organ Donation & Transplantation Directorate

Organ donation 'Gift of Life' books now available in seven more languages

Downloadable copies of the organ donation Gift of Life book in seven different languages are now available for Specialist Nurses to order via the APS website.

The books, which feature the stories of families that have been affected by organ donation, have been translated into Arabic, Bengali, Gujarati, Polish, Punjabi, Somali and Urdu to help increase awareness and understanding of organ donation.

To access these materials visit www.nhsbtleaflets.co.uk, log in with your NHSBT details and don't forget to click on 'SNOD' at the top of the screen to see the full range of options. The product code for the books is OLC284 and they are available as a PDF file, to save on to your systems and to print as required. Please note, because this isn't a physical product each version will show as 'out of stock' – please ignore that!

Medical and Social History Screening Form: This month has seen the launch of the new Medical and Social History Screening Form (also known as MaSH). As you may know, this document appears alongside the Core Donor Data Form (CDDF) when opening a donor file/record, where the previous PA1 document used to sit. It contains vital information on donor characterisation that may not be captured in the CDDF, so please be extremely vigilant in reviewing this document in its entirety, alongside the CDDF when considering any organ offer. Any comments about this, please send to me at laura.ramsay@nhsbt.nhs.uk. It is undoubtedly time consuming to read both documents, but in the interests of patient safety, the data must be captured by the SNODs and therefore be available for review by transplanting teams.

Recipient and Donor Family Communications

I have sent out 2 copies to all centres of the new 'Writing to Donor Families to Say Thanks' posters. The feedback so far has been on the whole positive so thank you for your continued support in raising the profile of this with our patients. I have also been able to build up a number of contacts in referring hospitals so they too have been sent some posters which will hopefully serve as a stimulus for those recipients considering writing a message of thanks to do so. A 'how to' video link is included on the poster which has been an action taken in response to recipient feedback from a recent survey into understanding the recipient perspective in this regard. The video can be found at <https://www.odt.nhs.uk/information-for-patients/donor-family-and-recipient-contact/>

ODT SMT Performance Report: 2018/19 has started well with 724 people receiving a solid organ transplant from a deceased donor. This is a 12% increase when compared with the same two months last year (648). There has, however, been a 16% increase in the number of deceased donors when compared with the same two months last year (287 compared with 248). April and May 2018 were both up there with the busiest months ever in terms of the number of deceased donors and transplants, with 144 deceased donors (3rd busiest month for donors) and 367 deceased donor transplants (6th busiest month for transplants) in April and 143 deceased donors (joint 4th busiest month for donors) and 357 deceased donor transplants (8th busiest month for transplants) in May. Please continue to miss no opportunity to make a transplant happen. The April ODT performance report is available [here](#).

NHSBT data on Organ Donation and Transplantation: The latest **Organ Donation and Transplantation Annual Activity report** is available [here](#) and the number of organ transplants for each centre for 2016/2017 can be viewed [here](#). The latest organ specific reports are available [here](#) including the recently published Interim Liver Transplantation report.

NHSBT Board: Board papers are published after each meeting and are available at: <http://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/who-we-are/introducing-the-board/board-papers/>

Cautionary Tales: April 2018 please click [here](#)

New Organ Donation Marketing and Campaigns Bulletin: Shared with internal clinical staff for Organ Donation and Transplantation plus the wider community attached [here](#) is Issue No 12.

Future ODT Meetings/Events: 2018/2019

Kidney Patient Group meeting

Tuesday 10th July 2018, Medical Society of London, (previously Thursday 5th July 2018)

Liver Patient Group meeting

Wednesday 11th July 2018, Board Room, West End Donor Centre

NODC PSG (Paediatric sub-group)

Wednesday 26th September 2018, The Birmingham Conference & Events Centre at the Holiday Inn (Previously Medical Society of London)

PAGISG (Pancreas Islet Sub Group)

Tuesday 2nd October 2018, West End Donor Centre, London

RINTAG (Research, Innovation & Novel Technologies Advisory Group)

Tuesday 2nd October 2018, The Royal College of Anaesthetists, London

NRG (National Retrieval Group – formerly Clinical Retrieval Group)

Wednesday 3rd October 2018, Association of Anaesthetists, London

ODT Care (Organ Donation and Transplantation Care)

Tuesday 9th October 2018, 10:30 – 14:30, Principal York Hotel, York

CTAG (Cardiothoracic Advisory Group)

Wednesday 10th October 2018, Coram Campus, 41 Brunswick Square, London

MCTAG (Multi-Visceral & Composite Tissue Advisory Group) (Formerly BAG)

New date to be confirmed - Previously Wednesday 17th October 2018, West End Donor Centre, London

CRF (Clinical Retrieval Forum)

Friday 2nd November 2018, West End Donor Centre

Cardiothoracic Patient Group meeting

Monday 12th November 2018, West End Donor Centre

PAG (Pancreas Advisory Group)

Thursday 15th November 2018, ODT, Stoke Gifford, Bristol

LAG (Liver Advisory Group)

Wednesday 21st November 2018, CIARB, 12 Bloomsbury Square, London

KAG (Kidney Advisory Group)

Tuesday 27th November 2018, ODT, Stoke Gifford, Bristol (tbc)

NHSBT Multi - Organ Retrieval Masterclass

Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th January 2019, De Vere Tortworth Court Hotel and Vesalius Clinical Training Unit, Bristol

Advisory Groups information, Agenda, Papers and minutes can be found [here](#)

NHSBT Multi – Organ Retrieval Masterclass Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th January 2019



De Vere Tortworth Court Hotel and Vesalius Clinical Training Centre Bristol University

This is a two-day annual workshop designed to optimise the quality of organs offered for transplantation by improving retrieval practice. The course is aimed at surgical trainees with an interest in abdominal (liver, pancreas, kidney) and cardio-thoracic (heart, lung) organ donation and transplantation. It includes lectures and workshops together with practical demonstrations of relevant techniques involving all participants.

For those who seek competency to participate in a National Organ Retrieval Service team in the UK this Masterclass is a mandatory part of the required competency accreditation as a retrieval surgeon in the UK.

On behalf of the National Faculty

Miss Isabel Quiroga

Prof Rutger Ploeg

To register your interest, please send your details to:

Caroline.wills@nhsbt.nhs.uk

INFORMATION FROM OTHER BODIES:

New issue of Blood and Transplant Matters: Please click [here](#) for issue 53.

Organ Donation & Transplantation – Wales E Bulletin: Please click [here](#) for issue 52.

The Latest Donor Family Network's latest newsletter: Can be found here
<http://www.donorfamilynetwork.co.uk/i/2018/03/Spring-2018.pdf>

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS and EVENTS:

ESOT - <http://www.esot.org/events-education>

Live Donor Nephrectomy: Wednesday 27th – Friday 29th June 2018

Primary Topics: Nephrectomy, Surgery, Urology

Country: Netherlands

Educational Objectives: To provide a podium for transplant surgeons and urologists who are specialising in live donor kidney transplantation. To learn the surgical techniques for minimally-invasive kidney donation under the guidance of established and internationally recognised leaders in the field.

Target Group: Transplant surgeons and Urologists coming mainly from Europe. Surgeons or urologists in a transplant fellowship or consultant position who want to start a live kidney donation programme. Surgeons who want to enrich their surgical skills for live donor nephrectomy.

The British Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (BSHI) are holding their annual conference on Wednesday 5th – Thursday 6th September 2018 in Cardiff, Wales.

Abstract submission is available until the 30th May and registration is available at discounted rate until the 25th July 2018. Please visit the conference website for registration and full details of the conference <http://www.bshiconference.org.uk/>

BST18 – BASIC SCIENCE IN TRANPLANTATION MEETING 2018 - Rotterdam:

Thursday 11th October 2018 – Friday 13th October 2018

Participants will be informed about the latest developments in transplantation research from a basic science perspective by leaders in the field. There will be excellent opportunities for networking and there is special attention for young professionals in the field.

Primary Topics: Basic science, Immunobiology / Basic science / Stem Cells

Educational Objectives

- Update on novel developments in transplantation science
- Get informed about transplantation research just beyond your own research
- Establishment of new research collaborations