

NHSBT Board Meeting
September 2018

Paediatric and Neonatal Strategic Plan

1. Status – Official

2. Executive Summary

The Taking Organ Transplantation to 2020 (TOT2020) UK Wide Strategy set out the national targets for Organ Donation and Transplantation through specific goals for donation professionals, the wider NHS and the UK public. The Strategy sets the global ambitions for Organ Donation and Transplantation to 2020 but it does not contain any measures specific to the Paediatric and Neonatal communities. This Paediatric and Neonatal 5 Year Strategic Plan is designed to supplement the TOT2020 Strategy. It provides ambitions and targets specific to each specialism to ensure that they remain aligned with the wider ambitions of TOT2020 and ensure that every opportunity to facilitate organ donation is supported regardless of the age of the potential donor.

3. Action Requested

Approve the Paediatric and Neonatal Strategic Plan (Attached).

4. Purpose of the paper

4.1 The Taking Organ Donation to 2020 Strategy contains a series of recommendations designed to move the UK to match World Class performance in Organ Donation and Transplantation. None of the recommendations contained therein specifically relate to the Paediatric or Neonatal specialities. Since the launch of the Strategy it has been recognised that in order to achieve world class performance it is imperative that every potential donor is supported regardless of age or the speciality in which they are cared for. To address this the Paediatric and Neonatal Strategic Plan has been created.

4.2 The Paediatric and Neonatal Strategic Plan will be a living and developing document. Its purpose is to support the overarching ambitions of TOT2020 through the recognition of, and support for, the work being undertaken to ensure that organ donation is a routine part

of the end of life care offered for child and neonate patients who have the potential to donate organs for transplant.

5. Background

- 5.1 Recognising the need for strategic direction and oversight for Paediatric and Neonatal organ donation the National Organ Donation Committee (NODC) tasked the sub group Paediatric National Organ Donation Committee (Paediatric NODC) with the creation of a specific strategic document. This document would align with and support TOT2020 but would recognise the areas of practice within Paediatric and Neonatal Units that differ from Adult Units. It would also recognise that while the process of organ donation is relatively unchanged due to the age and size of the donor the process to support donation and obtain consent/authorisation for donation is different. In order to ensure that every potential donor in the UK is offered the opportunity to save and improve lives by donating organs for transplant it is essential to recognise and prepare for these differences across specialities.
- 5.2 The Chair of the Paediatric NODC, Lead Nurse – Paediatric and Neonatal Donation and the Clinical Lead – Organ Donation led extensive consultation within the clinical communities to understand current practice and to learn how NHSBT and its NHS partners could better support potential donors and their families. A number of iterations of the Strategic document were created and shared with Paediatric NODC, NODC and the wider Paediatric and Neonatal communities. Each revision was influenced by feedback obtained via Surveys, e-mail and one to one conversations. These revisions then led changes to create a final document which was shared with and approved by both Paediatric NODC and NODC in mid-2018.
- 5.3 The final strategic plan is attached to this report. If approved by the Board it will be formally launched by NHSBT and NHS partners in late 2018 and will form the basis of NHSBT's work to increase Paediatric and Neonatal Organ Donation moving forward.

6. Proposal

- 6.1 That the Paediatric and Neonatal Strategic Plan that accompanies this report be formally agreed by the NHSBT Board and accepted as an NHSBT Organ Donation Plan.

7. Recommendations

- 7.1 That the Board approve the Paediatric and Neonatal Strategic Plan.

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