

## NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH MEETING OF THE  
TRANSPLANT POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE (TPRC)  
HELD AT 10.30 AM ON TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT  
ASSOCIATION OF ANAESTHETISTS, 21 PORTLAND PLACE,  
MARYLEBONE, LONDON W1B 1PY**

**PRESENT:**

Mr Jeremy Monroe, Non-Executive Director, NHSBT (Chair)  
 Prof John Forsythe, Medical Director, ODT  
 Ms Millie Banerjee, Chair, NHSBT  
 Mr Anthony Clarkson, Interim Director of ODT, NHSBT  
 Dr Gail Mifflin, Medical and Research Director, NHSBT  
 Dr Jayan Parameshwar, Cardiothoracic Advisory Group Chair  
 Prof Chris Watson, Kidney Advisory Group Chair  
 Prof John O'Grady, Liver Advisory Group Chair  
 Prof Peter Friend, Multi-visceral and Composite Tissue Advisory Group Chair  
 Mr John Casey, Pancreas Advisory Group Chair via telephone

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs Deborah Clarke, Assistant Clinical & Support Services Manager, ODT (Secretary)  
 Ms Lisa Mumford, Principal Statistician, Statistics and Clinical Studies

**ACTION****1 APOLOGIES****1.1 Apologies were received from:**

Dr Dale Gardiner, National Clinical Lead for Organ Donation  
 Ms Victoria Gauden, National Quality Manager - ODT  
 Mrs Rachel Johnson, Head of Organ Donation & Transplantation Studies, NHSBT  
 Prof Paresh Vyas, Non-Executive Director, NHSBT  
 Prof John Dark, National Clinical Lead for Governance, ODT  
 Prof Rutger Ploeg, National Retrieval Group Chair  
 Mr Gabriel Oniscu, Research, Innovation & Novel Technologies Advisory Group Chair

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - TPRC(17)11**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING****3.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 5 December, 2017 – TPRC(M)(17)2**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.

**3.2 Minutes of the extraordinary telecon held on 8 March 2018 –TPRC(M)(18)1**

- Donor type question: After discussion it was agreed the default position around the automatic filling of the transplant list is an ongoing issue along with the list of IT modifications. The registration process which include futuristic options, but the default position is set at yes. An interim solution is still required and this needs to be put into the governance strand to be monitored. It was agreed that this should be added to the ODT CARE agenda. Action: J O'Grady to liaise with J Forsythe to take this to the next ODT CARE meeting.

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The minutes of the previous meeting were then agreed as a correct record.

### 3.3 Action points – TPRC(AP)(18)2

AP1: A new SaBTO guidance aide memoire to be added onto the website and is in final stages of preparation but still waiting for IT issues to be resolved before this can be completed.

### 3.3 Matters arising not separately identified:

There were no matters arising.

## 4 POLICIES FOR CONSIDERATION:

### 4.1 POL187/2.1 Assessment of allocation policies for organs from deceased donors - TPRC(18)2

Members noted the re-drafting and minimal changes to this policy. M Banerjee asked what policy is available regarding communication with the patient in circumstances where an offer has been declined. Discussion ensued regarding the multiple reasons for decline including resource, the practicalities of carrying out a Duty of Candour feedback to the patient and the fact that this Duty lay with the transplanting centre. Yet it was agreed that NHSBT could state that it considered that there was a Duty of Candour responsibility, if a decline happened purely because of resource shortfall.

It was agreed that a policy should be drafted to take this discussion forward and J Forsythe was asked to lead on this.

**Action:** J Forsythe to lead on this and raise at the next TRPC meeting

JF

It was noted in paragraph 3.7 – Public support – references to “many members of the public do not support” should be reworded to “some do not support”.

It was noted in paragraph 3.8 - Research, innovation and flexibility – references to “meeting considers whether transplantation is appropriate” should be reworded to “that transplantation is appropriate”.

### 4.2 POL 193/9 Intestinal Transplantation Organ Allocation – TPRC(18)3Members

P Friend to verify and report back to the meeting the following:

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- that the policy is in line with practice
- that logistics have improved
- that the Units are blood matching and the blood group are being added
- that the algorithms are working to ensure the organs are going to the right recipient

Members questioned whether the policy should state if a patient with antibodies should not be offered an organ, as recipients are prioritised and receive points for sensitisation status.

It was noted that patients with known HLA should be added to the top of the policy.

### 4.3 POL 195/9 Liver selection policy – TPRC(18)4

Following discussion around the changes to the donor virology questions on the elective liver recipient registration form, it was noted that the default response was changed on the 5 September 2018 to null. Centres were unable to register if a response was not provided and this was communicated to all Centres at the end of

August 2018.

Liver allocation system carried over to the new system. Changes were introduced to the online elective liver registration form. J O’G to confirm.

**4.4 POL 196/5.1 Deceased donor liver distribution and allocation policy – TPRC(18)5**

Members approved this policy.

**4.5 POL 228/9 Heart Organ Allocation Policy - TPRC(18)6**

Members noted the change of ensuring blood groups are the same.

**4.6 POL 229/6 Heart Patient Selection Policy – TPRC(18)7**

Members approved the changes to this policy regarding GDPR and the blood group.

**4.7 POL 230/9 Lung: Organ allocation policy – TPRC(18)8**

Members approved this policy, with the addition of J Forsythe updating the policy on how urgent lungs are allocated. JF

**4.8 POL231/3 Lung: Patient selection policy – TPRC(18)9**

Members approved this policy noting that all references to “recipient” be changed to “patient” throughout the policy. C&SS

**5 New Kidney Offering Scheme – TPRC(18)10**

Lisa Mumford presented a paper regarding “Working towards a new deceased donor Kidney Offering Scheme in the UK”. Please refer to presentation New Kidney Offering Scheme – TPRC(18)10.

Members approved the principles behind the new scheme as presented

**6 Any other business**

Revised ToR (for information only) – **TPRC(18)11**

Members wished to consider the membership and determine the frequency of this committee. There are challenges around whether the meeting is quorate, therefore members suggested introducing a deputy to substitute. Action: J Monroe to discuss with M Banerjee. JM / MB

**7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

To be arranged.