

**NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT
ORGAN DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION DIRECTORATE**

KIDNEY ADVISORY GROUP

RECORDING REASONS FOR KIDNEY DECLINE OR NON-USE

BACKGROUND

1. Declined organ offers are currently recorded by ODT Hub Operations, with up to three reasons selected from a single list of over 100 reasons that has grown organically over time. In the context of the work volume of Hub Operations, it is reasonable to expect that staff will sometimes pick a similar-sounding reason from the beginning of the long list rather than a more accurate reason later in the list
2. With the Interactive Matching Run phase II due to start development in the Autumn 2019, there is the opportunity to change from recording reasons from a single list to categorising the reasons for decline. The primary category for decline would have implications in terms of informing other transplant centres and in determining how the organ may be further offered. Eight categories are proposed:
 - Consent/Authorisation
 - Change in offer
 - Donor unsuitable
 - Organ unsuitable
 - Organ unsuitable for named patient
 - Recipient unsuitable
 - Centre reason
 - Logistical issue

On declining an organ offer, the recipient centre point of contact would be asked to provide the category for the primary reason for decline as well as the reason itself (Shown in **Appendix I**). Some reasons may come under more than one category and will be listed under all relevant categories.

3. Resolving multiple reasons for decline remains a challenge. We will need transplant centres to pick a single category for primary reason for decline, but can record secondary and tertiary reasons as well. The reasons need not be under the same category.

ACTION

4. Members are asked to confirm they are happy with the list of reasons for decline as shown in **Appendix I** before they are coded in to the new system.

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APPENDIX I

Main reason	Detailed reason
Consent/ Authorisation	Family permission not sought
	Family permission refused
	Permission refused by coroner
Change in offer	Offer withdrawn
	Offer waived
	Organ not offered (Euro/living donor)
	Donor recovered
Donor Unsuitable	Donor unsuitable - cause of death
	Donor unsuitable - age
	No blood for virology
	Other disease
	Unable to x-match - no donor material
	Donor unsuitable - virology
	Other, please specify*
	Donor unsuitable - past medical history
	Donor unsuitable - Tumour*
	Donor unsuitable - Medication
	Increased infection risk*
	Organ unsuitable
Infection	
Poor perfusion	
Contamination	
Ischaemia time too long - warm	
Ischaemia time too long - cold	
Only taken for research use	
Used for research after decline by centre	
Other, please specify*	
Donor unstable	
Donor unsuitable - size	
Donor arrested	
Steatosis (fatty organ)	
Fibrosis	
Anatomical anomaly*	
Donor unsuitable - DCD donor	
Organ damage (retrieval injury)*	
Organ damage (at transplant centre)*	
Organ damage (pre-mortem)*	
Organ trauma – contusion, laceration*	
Insufficient investigations to assess organ function	
Poor function - initial assessment	
Poor function at retrieval	
Multiple cysts	
Severe hypertension	
Scarring	
Paediatric en bloc not performed in this centre	
Would only accept for dual kidney transplant	
Organ failed viability assessment*	

	Renal tumour*
Organ unsuitable for named recipient	X-match positive
	Unable to x-match
	Other, please specify*
	Steatosis (fatty organ)
	ABO mismatch
	Age mismatch
	HLA mismatch
	Size mismatch
	Sex mismatch
	Anticipated positive crossmatch
	Donor hepatitis C
	Donor hypertension
	Donor diabetes
	Recipient has potential live donor
	IVC diseased
	Atheromatous aortic patch/ proximal renal artery
Renal tumour*	
Recipient unsuitable	Recipient unfit
	Recipient died
	Recipient unavailable
	Recipient refused
	Recipient did not need transplant
	Other, please specify*
	Recipient travel time too long
	Donor already accepted for this recipient
	Recipient due to receive live donor transplant
Centre reason	No suitable recipients
	Centre closed
	Centre criteria not achieved
	Organ used elsewhere
	No response to fast track offer
Logistic issue	No time
	Centre already transplanting
	Poor weather
	Distance
	No beds
	No staff
	No theatre
	Transport difficulties
	Other, please specify*
	Donor Cross Clamp time too imminent
	No UK retrieval team available
	Timing of donation