



## UPDATE FROM THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

### 1. Organ donation position - Wales

The Welsh data contained within the publication of the UK Organ Donation and Transplantation Activity Report 2018-2019 published on 18 July 2019 is very positive.

#### Headlines:

During 2018/19 in Wales there were:

- 96 donations from deceased donors who were Welsh residents (30.7 per million population) including:
  - 87 deceased donors in Welsh hospitals, 13 more than in 2017/2018 and 18% increase. Of these:
    - 50 were donors after brain death (DBD)
    - 37 were donors after circulatory death (DCD)
    - 5 non-Welsh residents donated in Welsh hospitals
  - 14 Welsh residents donated in English hospitals
- 171 deceased donor transplants an increase of 19%
- 222 patients waiting for a transplant at the end of 31 March 2019, with a further 165 temporarily suspended from transplant lists.
- 24 patients died while on the active waiting list for their transplant and a further 28 were removed from the transplant list.
- 77% combined consent rate
- 1,245,173 opt-in registrations (40% of the population) on the Organ Donation Register.
- 183,273 opt out registrations (6% of the population) on the Organ Donor Register
- 15 families overruled organ donation:
  - 4 families overruled their loved one's known ODR decision to be an organ donor
  - 11 cases the family did not support deemed consent.

Wales now has the highest consent rate for the whole of the UK; it also has the highest percentage of the population (40%) with a recorded opt in organ donation decision.

## 2. Sharing lessons learned from the Welsh legislation

We continue to provide assistance to colleagues in the Department of Health and Social Care, Scottish Government and Human Tissue Authority in relation to the new opt out systems proposed, including on draft regulations and the Code of Practice.

## 3. Communications and awareness

We are currently in the process of developing our organ donation communication strategy for the next two years. Below is an update on our communications activity:

<b>Advertising</b>	New campaign due to be launched during organ donation week
<b>PR</b>	Our PR activity is focussed around the activity report and also the Transplant Games (see update below)
<b>BAME</b>	<p>Welsh Government is a gold sponsor of the annual Cardiff Multicultural Mela on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The Mela attracts over 30,000 people in one day and showcases a wide diversity of cultures, music, dance, arts, fashion and food.</p> <p>Community and faith based groups from across Wales can apply for funding from a £20,000 pot, to help break down myths and barriers and increase support for organ donation among BAME communities.</p>
<b>PR and Advertising Contract</b>	Golley Slater have been awarded a contract for 2019/20 and 2020/21 during which the Welsh Government will be reassessing our organ donations communications approach for future years.

## 4. Wales Transplantation Advisory Group (WTAG)

The last WTAG meeting was held on 6 June, and the agenda covered:

- All Wales organ/tissue donation performance
- Standing updates:
  - Organ Donation Communication Plan (New organ donation publicity campaign & Transplant Games 2019)
  - Policy (Taking Organ Transplantation to 2020, EU Withdrawal and Organ donation legislation changes)
- Health board IMTP/annual updates
- Future WTAG work programme
- Priorities for 2020/21

The next meeting is in September.

The first All Wales Regional Collaborative event took place on 9 July, as part of this a discussion was had about the work programme until the end of 2020 and also our ambitions post-2020. A video from the Minister thanking all those involved in organ donation and transplantation was shown at the event.

## 5. British Transplant Games

Newport is hosting the British Transplant Games from 25-28 July 2019.

The schedule and the further details can be found at:

<https://www.britishtransplantgames.co.uk/aboutnewport2019>

The opening ceremony is taking place early evening on Thursday 25 July 2019 at Rodney Parade in Newport, Julie Morgan AM Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services is attending.

The Games will be preceded by an All Wales Roadshow in the week before, showcasing the Games and raising organ donation awareness. This is taking place at:

Monday 15th July - Llandudno Pier

Tuesday 16th July - Carmarthen

Wednesday 17th July - Swansea

Thursday 18th July - Pontypridd

Friday 19th July - University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff

Saturday 20th July – Sunday 28th July - Friar's Walk, Newport

We are also hosting an exhibition in Friar's Walk shopping centre in Newport during the week of the Games, launched on 19 July.

