

UK Living Kidney Sharing Scheme / NHS Blood and Transplant Quarterly Update, September 2019

Dear Colleagues,

The latest quarterly report is available below which includes data up to the April 2019 matching run.

https://nhsbtdbe.blob.core.windows.net/umbraco-assets-corp/17121/uklkss-quarterly-performance-figures-sept-update_.pdf

What is going well?

- The April 2019 matching run was the largest to date with 97 transplants identified and more patients are continuing to benefit from the scheme
- Latest activity reports for 2018/19 show that antibody incompatible transplants continue to fall as the success of the UKLKSS continues to increase
- 72% of identified transplants (70/97) proceeded with more 3-way exchanges and long altruistic donor chains going ahead
- The complex donor 'pre' matching run is more effective in identifying potentially unsuitable matches but there is still room for improvement
- Inclusion of non-directed altruistic donors in the UKLKSS is well established
- Information provided via survey monkey for non-proceeding/delayed transplants-response rate is high and has enabled local improvements to be made in individual centres

What is not going so well?

- The accuracy of information submitted for complex donors could still be improved to avoid the need for clarification and cross-checking
- 50% of identified transplants are taking place after the completion of the sharing weeks. Most are delayed due to local theatre/surgical availability (survey monkey feedback)
- Delays in scheduling theatre slots for identified transplants increases the risk of non-proceeding transplant and means that donor-recipient pairs miss out on the next matching run if the exchange they are in collapses at a late stage

What improvements are we making?

- Upgrading the complex donor matching to improve format and to include HLA and donor-recipient mismatch to help decision-making at the pre-matching run stage
- Reviewing shared weeks of surgery and developing proposals to make some immediate changes and some longer-term solutions to support all centres

UPDATED USEFUL RESOURCES

Please find the latest list of useful resources attached.

<https://nhsbt.dbe.blob.core.windows.net/umbraco-assets-corp/17120/ldkt-useful-resources-may-2019.pdf>

Thank you for your on-going support of the sharing schemes- it would not happen without your commitment and enthusiasm. Please contact us with any queries or additions for future bulletins at the email

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