

NHS Blood and Transplant National Administrations Committee

Status: Official

1. Executive Summary (200)

NHSBT established the National Administrations Committee (NAC) as a committee of the Board to ensure that the Board remained focused on the developments in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and that it coordinated appropriately across all countries. The Committee is supported by the relevant executives and by NEDs who are nominated to have special responsibility for each country.

The paper provides the Board with the original objectives set for the NAC, the current position of the Committee and seeks to gain approval to discontinue the NAC. Furthermore, it requests the continued support of the Board for each country having a nominated NED, who holds responsibility for representing the interests of the respective Devolved Administration.

2. Action Requested

NHSBT Board is asked to:

- Agree that the National Administrations Committee be dissolved.
- Approve continued support of nominated NEDs with special responsibility for each country.

3. Purpose of the paper

To provide the formal proposal to the Board to approve closure of the NAC and to provide assurance that the interests of all four countries will continue to be represented thereafter.

4. Background

The NAC was established to oversee on behalf of the Board the development and implementation of plans supporting the policies of the four Health Departments in the United Kingdom.

The NAC current membership includes:

Millie Banerjee	Chair
Keith Rigg	Non-Executive Director (representing Scotland)
Jeremy Monroe	Non-Executive Director (representing Wales)
Helen Fridell	Non-Executive Director (representing Northern Ireland)

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Anthony Clarkson	Director of Organ Donation and Transplantation
Ceri Rose	Interim Director of Marketing and Communications and (Secretary to the Committee)
John Forsythe	Associate Medical Director (Organ Donation and Transplantation)
Ian Bateman	Director of Quality and designated Executive lead for EU liaison

The objectives set for the NAC were:

- Foster and support the maintenance of excellent working relationships and partnerships with the Health Departments of the three devolved administrations.
- Provide challenge and scrutiny of detailed proposals and plans to implement the policies of the three devolved Health Departments.
- Monitor risks to delivery and provide a forum to manage competing and/or contradictory requirements across the four UK Health Departments.
- Review any specific issues the Board may ask the Committee to scrutinise.
- Oversight of any Brexit implications on behalf of the Board.

At the last NAC meeting the future of the Committee was discussed. It was felt that the Committee was not adding particular value. Members expressed that the committee had assisted with communication and collaboration. However, concurred there was significant crossover with other groups. Namely, the objectives noted above are being fulfilled in forums such as DHSC Accountability meetings and Board meetings.

The Chair of the NAC has since written an informal letter to the Devolved Administrations requesting their views upon consideration to dissolve the NAC. All four Devolved Administrations responded with their approval. It is proposed the role of the NED should remain to represent the interests of each Devolved Administration.

5. Proposal

It is proposed:

5.1 The National Administrations Committee be dissolved as it has been concluded to be redundant.

5.2 The nominated NEDs continue to represent the Devolved Administrations interests.

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