

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

Dear Colleagues,

The latest quarterly performance report is available by clicking on the link below, which includes data up to the July 2019 matching run.

<https://nhsbt.dbe.blob.core.windows.net/umbraco-assets-corp/17444/december-2019-uklks-quarterly-performance-figures.pdf>

The full 6-month update, presented to the Kidney Advisory Group on 21st November 2019, is available by clicking on the link below, and adds more detail to the key messages which follow.

<https://nhsbt.dbe.blob.core.windows.net/umbraco-assets-corp/17446/november-2019-kag-uklks-update-paper-final-for-newsletter.pdf>

Please note the recommendations and actions and use the centre specific data from the survey monkey responses to inform local discussions about non-proceeding and delayed transplants, and consider actions to address these.

As always, an enormous thank you to you all for your hard work and support.

### What's going well?

- Overall activity is the highest it has ever been, with more non-directed altruistic donors (NDADs) included and a significant increase in transplants performed so far this year compared with last **(+19%)**
- **74%** of identified transplants are going ahead, which is the highest it has ever been and close to our aim of 75%
- More 3-way exchanges and long altruistic donor chains are going ahead
- **Non-simultaneous surgery** with short intervals between transplants is relatively low risk in comparison with transplants that are delayed and is effective in reducing delays in scheduling transplants

### What could be improved?

- **Delays in transplant scheduling due to increased activity** increases the risk of a recipient missing out on a transplant
- **Communication and support between centres** – as per my previous email, just a reminder that everyone is dealing with constraints in their own centre and to consider this when you are working together to juggle lists and schedule transplants
- **Non-simultaneous surgery** with short time intervals between transplants and collaboration with other centres could be considered more often to reduce scheduling delays. Please contact [lisa.burnapp@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:lisa.burnapp@nhsbt.nhs.uk) when planning non-simultaneous surgery, using this form:



Template for  
non-simultaneous

## What improvements are we making?

- **Setting up a short time working group** to look at options to increase flexibility and support transplant scheduling.
- **Recipients with a NDAD offer (direct or end of chain)** can choose to remain active on the transplant list up to 1 week prior to the scheduled date of transplant. Centres are responsible for suspending recipients from the list.

Please contact us if you have any ideas, queries or concerns. Your feedback is always gratefully received.

## UPDATED USEFUL RESOURCES

Please find the latest list of useful resources by clicking on the link below:

<https://nhsbt.dbe.blob.core.windows.net/umbraco-assets-corp/17445/ldkt-useful-resources-v5-may-2019.pdf>

Please note that the latest annual activity and centre specific kidney reports are now available at [www.odt.nhs.uk](http://www.odt.nhs.uk)

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