

NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT

MULTI-VISCERAL AND COMPOSITE TISSUE ADVISORY GROUP

POTENTIAL BOWEL DONORS <30KG CONSENT

BACKGROUND

Review of consent processes for potential bowel donors <30kg was undertaken for the 9 potential donors identified in the period 2017/18.

KEY MESSAGES

1. Of the 9 potential bowel donors 6 (66.7%) consented to multi-visceral/bowel donation.
2. Consent was obtained in Eastern, London, SouthWest, and Midlands ODST.
3. 1 family was not approached (in the North West region). An exclusion was ticked on the consent form (? Due to downtime from an OOHCA) but no record was available from HUB Ops notes to indicate if there was any review of recipients waiting or of screening with centres (this is reported common practice in the region)
4. 2 families declined consent. 1 in the Northern region and 1 in the London region. Reasons for non-consent:
For 1 family consent was explored with the mother who initially only wanted heart donation (family history of heart transplant). Following clarifying conversations with the SNOD there were concerns re abdominal organs: "We'd just be pulling organs out" On further explanation and consideration mother agreed to other abdominal organs being donated but felt 'too uncomfortable' with bowel donation.

For the 2nd family there was no additional commentary other than to confirm that they took some additional time to consider bowel donation but subsequently declined.
5. In all 9 cases consent for other abdominal organs (liver and kidneys) was given.
6. Due to the small numbers in the review no conclusions were drawn about the impact of geography on consent.

ACTION

Members are asked to note these findings and consider any additional actions to support consent

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