

**NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT  
ORGAN DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION DIRECTORATE**

**LIVER ADVISORY GROUP**

SUMMARY FROM STATISTICS AND CLINICAL STUDIES

**INTRODUCTION**

- 1 This paper provides an update from Statistics and Clinical Studies and summarises recent presentations, publications and current and future work in the area of liver transplantation.

**UPDATE FROM STATISTICS AND CLINICAL STUDIES**

- 2 The new kidney and pancreas offering schemes went live on 11 September 2019 following a slight delay due to technical specifications of hardware.
- 3 All Advisory Group papers and conference presentations continue to be posted on the ODT Clinical Site [www.odt.nhs.uk](http://www.odt.nhs.uk). The 2018/19 Annual Transplant Activity Report was published in July 2019 showing a 2% increase in the number of deceased donors but a 2% fall in the number of deceased donor transplants, compared with the previous year.
- 4 All Organ Specific Annual Reports for 2018/19 have been published, including the Annual Report for Liver transplantation
- 5 National infographics summarising key information found in the Organ Specific Reports are available on the ODT Clinical Site alongside a survey to seek feedback, Members are asked to review the infographics and provide feedback through completing the survey. Centre-specific infographics will be developed to accompany next years Organ Specific Reports.
- 6 Please note our current arrangements for staff responsibilities in support of organs and tissues.

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## PRESENTATIONS

- 7 A presentation was given, on behalf of NHSBT SCS, at the BLTG annual meeting, held on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The presentation was given during the *National Activity* session and entitled *Annual Report 2018/19*.

## CLINICAL FELLOWS

- 8 There are currently three clinical fellows working with the Statistics team across areas of organ transplantation; Maria Ibrahim working in abdominal organ utilisation supervised by Professor John Forsythe and Mr Chris Callaghan, George Greenhall working in malignancy in transplantation supervised by Professor Chris Watson and Mr Chris Callaghan, and Gillian Hardman in cardiothoracic transplantation supervised by Professor John Dark and Ms Karen Booth.

## CURRENT AND FUTURE WORK

- 9 Statistics and Clinical Studies continue to support the National Liver Offering Scheme monitoring committee, LAG Core Group, ODT Hub team and transplant centres to evaluate and implement any required changes arising from the new liver offering scheme to make sure that no patients are disadvantaged.
- 10 On-going support and analysis has been provided to the LAG Core Group and the established fixed-term working units set up by LAG at the last meeting
- 11 The super-urgent liver form has been updated to remove the blood group identical option from donor to recipient ABO match. It has also been updated to indicate what should happen if a centre does not wish to specify a maximum donor size. Statistics & Clinical Studies have also been involved in the creation of an electronic super-urgent form which will be tested at two centres imminently.