

**Minutes of the National Administrations Sub Committee  
of the NHS Blood and Transplant Board held on Monday 8 February  
2016, telecon 0800 032 8069**

**Present:** John Pattullo (**JP**) (Chair)  
Léonie Austin (**LA**)  
Andrew Blakeman (**AB**)  
James Neuberger (**JN**)  
Louise Fullwood (**LF**)  
Anthony Clarkson (**AC**)  
Keith Rigg (**KR**)

**In attendance:** Louanna Lubega (Minutes)

**Apologies:** Sally Johnson (**SJ**)

## **1. For review and Recommendation to the Board**

### **1.1. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes were agreed.

### **1.2. Review of actions from the last meeting**

All actions from the previous meeting agreed and completed.

## **2. Discussion Topics**

No specific topics to discuss.

## **3. Activity Reports**

Each Non-Executive national lead introduced the activity report for their Administration.

### **3.1 Scotland**

The Committee discussed the organ donation opt-out Bill and its recent rejection by the Scottish Parliament. Following the elections on 5 May it is possible a new Scottish Government may bring forward proposals for opt-out legislation. KR asked the Committee if it would be helpful to have a formal line on NHSBT's position on deemed consent legislation. LA advised that there is a paragraph about this subject within the *Taking Organ Transplantation to 2020* strategy.

AC advised that good progress has been made with ODT Management recruitment in Scotland with a paper now sent to Gareth Brown at the Scottish Government requesting additional funding to support these changes.

**ACTION** LA to send relevant paragraph about deemed consent legislation from the *Taking Organ Transplantation to 2020* Strategy to the Committee for their reference.

### **3.2 Northern Ireland**

The NI soft opt-out Bill was discussed. [post meeting note: the Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety rejected the soft opt-out clause within this Bill]



## ***Blood and Transplant***

Significant media coverage and discussion about organ donation is leading to an increase in registrations.

Ongoing cooperation at clinician level with the Republic of Ireland. We are keen to collaborate and support and will discuss this topic at the next NAC meeting.

### **3.3 Wales**

The introduction of deemed consent on 1 December had gone well with praise from Ministers for NHSBT's support. The number of complaints or concerns on organ donation that have come into the National Call Centre more recently is at a manageable level. Three full time Welsh language agents and one part time agent have been recruited into the National Call Centre which will help address previous concerns raised by Welsh Government colleagues around service provision.

The All Wales Blood Service project is progressing well and in good shape for the full handover date in May 2016. No current issues or concerns to raise on this at this stage.

Our next Board meeting will be in Cardiff, an important part of our ongoing engagement with the Welsh Government.

## **4. Organ donation and transplantation**

### **4.1 Sustainable Funding update**

AC gave an update on the recent sustainable funding meeting where the ODT budget was confirmed for the next financial year by all four countries.

Discussions continue with NHS England and the Department of Health on future commissioning arrangements in England.

There will be a review of reimbursement for donors, an original Organ Donation Taskforce recommendation, and a review of Clinical Lead - Organ Donation (CLOD) posts.

### **5. Developments in England which may have an impact**

We are continuing to seek clarity on the approach to a single Government campaign budget in England and the implications for NHSBT.

**ACTION** LA to continue these discussions with DH and central Government colleagues and report back to the Committee when necessary.

### **6. Any Other Business**

As this was the final meeting for two Committee members before they leave their roles at NHSBT, JP thanked Andrew Blakeman and James Neuberger for their valid input and contribution to the NAC over the years. He also thanked Louanna Lubega, who is also leaving NHSBT, for her secretariat support.

### **7. Date of the Next Meeting**

Thursday 12 May 2016 – 4pm – Telecon - Phone: 0800 032 8069 - Participant code: 17775430 then #