

NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT
CARDIOTHORACIC ADVISORY GROUP - HEART
HEART OFFERING SCHEME UPDATE

INTRODUCTION

- 1 Two changes were implemented to the UK Heart Offering Scheme on 13 October 2020 that had previously been agreed by CTAG:
 - Super-urgent tier introduced for paediatric patients; this is now the top tier in the paediatric donor sequence and the third tier in the adult donor sequence (after super-urgent and urgent adults). Small adults (age \geq 16 and weight $<$ 30kg or between 30-40kg with approval from adjudication panel) may also be registered in this tier.
 - Large paediatric patients given greater access to adult donor hearts by having the option to be registered on the urgent or super-urgent adult lists, thus ranking alongside all non-zonal adult patients according to waiting time on the list.
- 2 This report provides a brief review of the use of these new features so far.

FINDINGS**Super-urgent paediatric patients**

- 3 Since 13 October 2020 there has been one paediatric patient registered on the paediatric/small adult super-urgent list, at Newcastle. This patient has since been moved to the urgent list where they are still waiting.
- 4 There has also been one small adult patient, at Birmingham, registered on the super-urgent list, but they were placed on the adult super-urgent list rather than the paediatric/small adult super-urgent list through centre choice.

Large paediatric patients

- 5 Since 13 October 2020 there has been one paediatric patient registered on the super-urgent adult list and no paediatric patients registered on the urgent adult list. The one patient, at Newcastle, was removed from the super-urgent list as their condition improved, and they are now on the non-urgent list.

CONCLUSIONS

- 6 Utilisation of the super-urgent paediatric/small adult tier and large paediatric facility has been low so far. Paediatric centres in particular should be aware of these new features in case they are appropriate for any of their patients.