



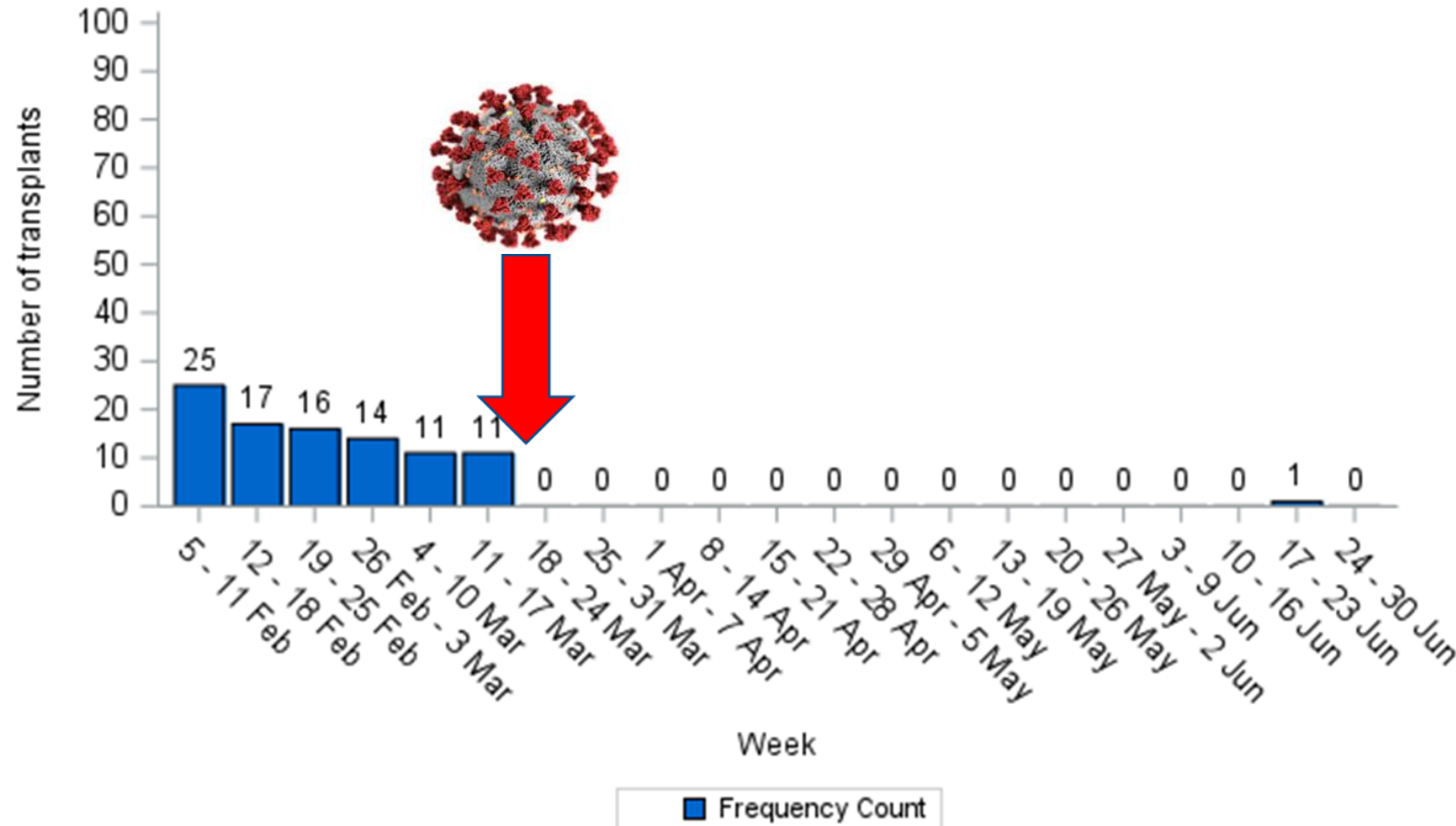
Navigating a Pandemic – Living donor perspectives

UK LIVING DONATION NETWORK MEETING

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Impact of Covid on living donation

Figure 3 Number of living donor kidney transplants performed in the UK, 5 February 2020 to 30 June 2020



Our concerns



What impact would this have on donors in the process of donation and/or who might consider donation in the future?



NHSBT market research survey of living donors June/July 2020

- Assess appetite for living donation in COVID era
- Survey Monkey
- Disseminated via social media and charitable partners
- Open for 2 weeks
- UK-wide
- Aimed at previous, present and potential living donors (including public)

What do donors think?

- 240 responses
- All types of donors responded
- 72% previously donated
- 54% family member
- 33% non-directed (unknown recipient)
- Good geographical spread
- Demographics:
 - All ages represented (18-65+); 32% 45-54
 - 85% White British
 - 80% female





- Recognised seriousness of the pandemic
- Perception of general 'personal' vulnerability due to COVID evenly distributed
- Concerns about additional recipient risk was the greatest influence to donate or not
- Keen to see programmes re-start
- High level of confidence in clinical teams and in the NHS
- Testing (donors, recipients and staff) and PPE critical
- Willing to
 - Undertake remote/virtual assessments where appropriate (80%)
 - Move to another centre for surgery (57%)
 - Be looked after by another clinical team (40% not at all influenced)

BUT in every question about things that might impact, there were people who felt extremely impacted by these



Limitations

- Limited reach
- Relatively small sample size
- Under representation from
 - BAME people
 - Men
- People who have yet to refer/early contemplators
- People who may not be as actively engaged in the donation process/not had a positive experience

Resources:



<https://www.odt.nhs.uk/covid-19-advice-for-clinicians/>

<https://nhsbt.dbe.blob.core.windows.net/umbraco-assets-corp/19170/living-donor-survey-june-july-2020.pdf>

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