



Blood and Transplant

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

Present: Léonie Austin (**LA**)
John Forsythe (**JF**)
Louise Fullwood (**LF**)
Sally Johnson (**SJ**)
John Pattullo (**JP**) (Chair)
Keith Rigg (**KR**)

In attendance: Heather O'Shea (Minutes)
Wayne Lawley (Observing)

Apologies: Jeremy Monroe (**JM**)

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

Actions from the previous meeting were completed. Following feedback to the Committee about Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services support in Scotland, it was agreed that further internal discussion around the provision of tissues was needed.

ACTION JP to continue discussion with Huw Williams.

2. Discussion Topics

2.1 Ongoing cooperation at clinician level with the Republic of Ireland

The Committee discussed the ongoing collaborative effort between the Republic of Ireland (ROI) and the UK. A meeting between relevant clinical and managerial groups has taken place, with actions to examine collaborative opportunities further and review clinical training access. Should these discussions progress, a business case will be developed by NHSBT for consideration by the ROI government.

ACTION SJ to report back when substantive progress has been made.

2.2 EU Referendum outcome and potential impact

The Committee discussed the initial NHSBT scoping work that has been shared with the Department of Health on the impact of the UK referendum decision to leave the EU on NHSBT policy areas. It was agreed that the Committee will take on stewardship and oversight of any Brexit implications on behalf of the Board and Ian Bateman (Director of Quality and designated Executive lead for EU liaison) will join the Committee to facilitate this.

The Committee's Terms of Reference will need to be updated to include this additional responsibility.

ACTION LA to share future meeting details with Ian Bateman. LA to submit revised ToR to the Committee.

3. Activity Reports

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

3.1 Northern Ireland

Following the appointment of Michelle O'Neill MLA as Minister for Health on 25 May 2016, a welcome letter and invitation to meet with Ian Trenholm and relevant members of the Committee had been sent from JP. [Post-meeting note: Meeting now scheduled for 8 December 2016.]

The Committee also discussed correspondence from Northern Ireland's Chief Medical Officer to NHSBT regarding the formation of the Northern Ireland Clinical Advisory Group and the Department of Health's Organ Donation Policy Statement.

The Group's objectives are expected to include effective public engagement and SJ will ensure NHSBT's work in this area is shared as appropriate.

3.2 Scotland

Following the appointment of Aileen Campbell MSP as Minister for Public Health and Sport on 18 May 2016, a welcome letter and invitation to meet with Ian Trenholm and relevant members of the Committee had been sent from JP. [Post-meeting note: Meeting now scheduled for 1 November 2016.]

The Committee discussed the Scottish Government's recent campaign activity and their plans to develop a consultation on ways of increasing organ and tissue donation, including a soft opt out system. It is expected that the consultation will be launched this autumn.

3.3 Wales

Following the appointment of Vaughan Gething AM as Cabinet Secretary for Health, Well-being and Sport on 19 May 2016, JP and JM met with Mr Gething in Cardiff on 21 July 2016. JP explained that the introductory meeting included discussion of recent organ donation activity in Wales.

The Committee noted Vaughan Gething's Oral Statement, made in the National Assembly in June 2016, regarding the deemed consent system. SJ confirmed that the NHSBT statistics team will produce a substantive review of Welsh organ donation activity – with analysis of a five year period of data following the legislative change.

4. Organ Donation and Transplantation

4.1 Update from the ODT Sustainable Funding Group

SJ reported that a positive agreement had been reached by all four Health Departments to roll out the DCD heart programme to Manchester. This was an

interim arrangement, with charitable funding in place for consumable costs and NHSBT covering transport costs, whilst the formal NHSBT business case for DCD programme development was being finalised.

5. Developments in England which may have an impact

5.1 Changes in the DH Structure

The Committee noted the significant period of change as a result of numerous DH personnel appointments. Members of the Committee are currently seeking meetings with appropriate individuals and colleagues will also look to build relationships with the Ministers' Private offices.

ACTION JP will invite Mark Davies (DH Director with sponsorship responsibility for NHSBT) to contribute to a future Committee meeting on the new DH structure.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Date of the Next Meeting

Thursday 17 November 2016 – 4pm – Telecon - Phone: 0800 032 8069 or 0203 4639740 - Participant code: 17775430 then #