

NHSBT BOARD – 27 May 2021

UPDATE FROM THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

1. Communications and awareness

- The last piece of content overseen by the Welsh Government communications team was delivered on all our social media channels on 30 April 2021, as part of a 'Best Of' month featuring images from the last couple of years.
- We are currently in the process of transferring our communications assets to NHSBT.

2. Welsh Transplantation Advisory Group – WTAG

- The WTAG meeting held on 5 May 2021 considered the latest organ donation and transplantation numbers. Presentations on organ donation and transplantation performance were given as well as other updates regarding Commonwealth Tribute to Life, the Human Tissue Authority, WHSSC and Health Board updates.
- A Commonwealth 'Tribute to Life' Organ Donation and Transplantation Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is being developed to allow Commonwealth nations to share knowledge and expertise for the purpose of increasing organ and tissue transplantation to benefit of all Commonwealth citizens. The MOU has seen good progress with the establishment of a Commonwealth Tribute to Life Board (chaired by Dr Satya Sharma, MBE, Deputy Lieutenant West Midlands) and a Tribute to Life UK Advisory Panel (chaired by Professor Baroness Finlay of Llandaff). There has also been progress made towards establishing a planned Tribute to Life International Advisory Panel.
- Next meeting is scheduled for 5 July 2021.

3. Update from Welsh Blood Services (WBS)

- World Blood Donor Day will be held on 14 June.
- We are working with WBS on announcements around the FAIR study questionnaire changes in relation to MSM and possible sub-Saharan sexual partner question.
- A working group with the WBS, to include the Welsh Government Chief Pharmacist, is to be set up to look at fractionation and its medicinal products.