

NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT
LIVER ADVISORY GROUP
PATIENT CONSENT SCHEME AUDIT

INTRODUCTION

- 1 Members will be aware that the NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) Patient Consent Scheme for obtaining explicit consent for use of personal data for purposes of registration, organ allocation and transplant follow-up has been in place since October 2005. Each month, transplant centres with outstanding consent are issued a report to help identify those patients where consent should be obtained.

LIVER PATIENT CONSENT RATES

- 2 Of the 8888 patients across the United Kingdom that have been listed for a liver transplant at some point in time since April 2008, 99.7% have their level of consent for the use of their personal data recorded on the UK Transplant Registry. The patient consent rates achieved by each centre are summarised in **Appendix I** and visualised in **Figure A1**. For those who have their level of consent known, the level recorded is shown in **Table 1**.
- 3 NHSBT remains grateful for the efforts made by centres to ensure the continued success of this statutory scheme.

ACTION

- 4 All centres have consent rates higher than 98% so no specific action is required. ODT Information Services remain committed to supporting centres with these returns and should you require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact odtdatasupportteam@nhsbt.nhs.uk.
- 5 Centres are requested to ensure a robust process is in place to make certain that consent is obtained in every case prior to patient listing.

Table 1 Liver patient consent levels as recorded on the UK Transplant Registry, for patients registered, 1 April 2008 to 31 July 2016

Level of Consent	Number of Patients	
	N	(%)
Full	8556	96.5
Partial	8	0.1
Refused	1	0.0
Assumed	153	1.7
Incapable	147	1.7
Total	8865	100

Appendix 1 Liver patient consent rates for the use of personal information as recorded on the UK Transplant Registry, for patients registered 1 April 2008 to 31 July 2016

Patient Registration Centre	Number of Patients N	Consent Known %	Outstanding Consent N
Birmingham	2002	99.9	3
Cambridge	839	99.6	3
Edinburgh	845	99.6	3
Leeds	1223	99.8	2
King's College	2159	99.8	4
The Royal Free	854	99.1	8
Newcastle	430	100	0
Dublin	536	100	0
Total	8888	99.7	23

Figure A1 Liver patient consent rates for the use of personal information as recorded on the UK Transplant Registry, for patients registered 1 April 2008 to 31 July 2016

