

CARDIOTHORACIC ADVISORY GROUP Heart - WORKPLAN 2021/24

Priorities identified	Priority rating	Justification for priority rating	Plan to achieve completion	Anticipated start date	Anticipated completion date	Measure of success	Key deliverables
Priority 1: Implementation of fair and equitable urgent heart donor organ allocation	****	To allocate hearts to urgent patients on the waiting list according to need but also achieving good outcomes	Heart Allocation Sub-Group convened September 2021 to discuss future allocation policy. Modelling work undertaken by Statistics Team for Risk Communication Tool to model waiting list mortality and post-transplant outcomes. Review of data collected at time of listing and time of transplant. Involvement for all key stakeholders including operational teams and patients representatives.	Autumn 2021	Autumn 2023	Equitable waiting times across centres, reduce waiting list mortality without negatively impacting post-transplant outcomes	New urgent heart allocation scheme
Priority 2: Increase utilisation of donor hearts	****	Increase the number of hearts for transplantation and the chances of listed patients receiving a transplant	Agree on minimum dataset for offering a donor heart. Work with CLUs and others to explore methods of donor optimisation and hurdles to organ acceptance. Achieve sustainable funding for DCD heart retrieval.	Autumn 2021	Autumn 2022	Increase the utilisation rate of DBD donor hearts offered, from 29% in 2020/21. Sustainable funding for DCD heart retrieval.	Agreed donor optimisation process and fully funded DCD heart retrieval service