



**NHSBT BOARD – January 2022**

**UPDATE FROM THE WELSH GOVERNMENT**

**1. Organ donation and transplantation position – Wales**

<b>Summary Figures</b>	2019/20	2020/21	Q3 2021/22	Q1, Q2, Q3 2021/22
Donors after brain death (DBD)	51	36	15	34
Donors after circulatory death (DCD)	24	13	6	13
<b>Total deceased donors</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>47</b>
Living donors	31	13	9	23
<b>Total patients on active list (end of period)</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>218</b>
Deceased donor transplants	157	101	37	99
Living donor transplants	44	14	13	31
<b>Total organ transplants</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>130</b>
Number of people opted-in to the ODR	1,285,286	1,323,716	10,112	1,353,923
<b>Percentage of population opted-in to the ODR</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>
Number of people opted-out from the ODR	189,030	195,124	931	197,339
<b>Percentage of population opted-out from ODR</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>

\*transplant waiting lists and transplants based on Welsh postcode of residence of patient. Excludes patients temporarily suspended from the transplant list.

## 2. Welsh Transplant Advisory Group – WTAG

- Meeting held on 01 December 2021.
- Agenda points included an overview of the Transplant Games; organ utilisation including liver transplants and updates from health boards and services.
- Regarding the Welsh Implementation Plan for Donation and Transplants – recurring themes and topics of discussion have been pulled together and a separate meeting for third sector organisations is to be held to invite more feedback. This will be brought to the next WTAG meeting.
- Next scheduled meeting to be held on 08 February 2022.

## 3. Update from Welsh Blood Service (WBS)

### The Fractionation for Medicines Project

WBS is working with the other health departments and meeting regularly to agree the best way forward to allow the UK to move towards self-sufficiency in the space. There is a Welsh Government and WBS steering group chaired by Dr Gill Richardson. A Ministerial Advice document will go to the Minister when all UK partners are content there is a viable project/business case. As part of this work, it has also been agreed (a letter to be issued in the next week) that WBS can continue to sell plasma as they have done in the past until there is an agreed UK way forward as this is an income stream for the service.

### Occult Hepatitis B

In line with UK health departments, advice is in the process of being submitted to the Minister for the funding to allow this to happen.

### Blood Supply

This time last year saw issues in supply, however, since Christmas stock has been replenished with the help of blood bank managers and the picture is looking better.