

**NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT
CARDIOTHORACIC 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.

CARDIOTHORACIC PATIENT CONSENT RATES

- 2 Of the 4220 patients across the United Kingdom that have been listed for a heart and/or lung transplant at some point in time since April 2008, 99.9% 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**. 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. 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 Cardiothoracic 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	4181	99.2
Partial	2	0.0
Refused	2	0.0
Assumed	28	0.7
Incapable	2	0.0
Total	4215	100

Appendix 1 Cardiothoracic 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	Outstanding consent	
	N	N	(%)
Birmingham	502	0	100
Glasgow	145	0	100
Great Ormond Street	287	1	99.7
Harefield	868	0	100
Manchester	550	0	100
Newcastle	1049	4	99.6
Papworth	819	0	100
Total	4220	5	99.9

Figure A1 Cardiothoracic 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

