



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

NHSBT BOARD – March 2022

UPDATE FROM THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

1. Organ donation and transplantation

The Cardiff Transplant Unit Team performed its first Normothermic Regional Perfusion (NRP) retrieval during March quickly followed by its second a few days later. The patients who received the transplanted organs are said to be doing well. This is a huge achievement for the Cardiff Team, and they have been warmly congratulated by NHSBT.

2. Welsh Transplant Advisory Group – WTAG

Meeting held on 08 February 2022. Agenda points included updates from the Organ Utilisation Group, colleagues from respiratory and lung transplantation, and from health boards and organisations. Updates were also given on the Commonwealth Tribute to Life Project. Following the meeting a draft of the Welsh Organ Donation and Transplantation Plan was written up for review and response from members.

3. Update from Welsh Blood Services (WBS)

Occult Hepatitis B: Advice is currently with the Minister on the introduction of the further test and lookback study, including funding for the WBS. WBS have been kept informed of developments that arise. Scotland will begin in April; other nations are awaiting Ministerial approval, UK communications are being worked up.

Fractionation Project: The project is currently working on a 4 Nations basis to agree the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The Minister has agreed that Wales can go forward on this basis. The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) are bidding for funding and if the project is approved further advice will be put to the Minister.