



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

NHSBT BOARD – May 2022

UPDATE FROM THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

1. Organ donation and transplantation position – Wales

Summary Figures	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Donors after brain death (DBD)	51	36	38
Donors after circulatory death (DCD)	24	13	16
Total deceased donors	75	49	54
Living donors	31	13	31
Total patients on active list (end of period)	264	159	226
Deceased donor transplants	157	101	129
Living donor transplants	44	14	44
Total organ transplants	201	119	173
Number of people opted-in to the ODR	1,285,286	1,323,716	1,364,243
Percentage of population opted-in to the ODR	41	42	43
Number of people opted-out from the ODR	189,030	195,124	197,981
Percentage of population opted-out from ODR	6	6	6

*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

The last meeting was held on 13 April 2022 and the agenda included a discussion on access to lung transplants and finalisation of the Welsh Organ and Transplantation Plan (2022 – 2026); there were also updates of the Commonwealth Tribute to Life Project and the Organ Utilisation Programme.

The Welsh Organ Donation and Transplantation Plan to be launched in June 2022.

Next scheduled meeting of WTAG is on 15 June 2022.

3. General update

Welsh Government has agreed an uplift to NHSBT Organ Donation and Transplantation core funding as well as additional funding for transformation projects. It has also agreed to provide a £10,000 grant to support the Wales Transplant Team's participation in the British Transplant Games for the next 5 years.

4. Update from Welsh Blood Service (WBS)

Occult Hepatitis B: Testing will begin in England and Wales on the 30 May, with Northern Ireland to follow. Scotland has already begun. Two groups have been set up; a task and finish group, to agree the pathways, and an oversight group to be chaired by Dr Marion Lyons, Welsh Government. Funding has been agreed and currently no issues have been identified in the ongoing plan.

Plasma Fractionation: The Department of Health and Social Care is leading on this work and a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to be agreed across all 4 Nations to enable the start of the roundtable negotiations. Welsh Government will continue to work with WBS to draw up a business plan

Blood Donations: Current stock levels are low across the UK and Wales has imported 100 units from England. These levels are mainly due to staff being taken out of work for training for the introduction of Hepatitis B screening (as above).