



Summary of Organ Utilisation Group Meeting, 10th February 2022

The Chair welcomed members to the fourth meeting of the Organ Utilisation Group (OUG).

The focus of the meeting would be on:

- i. hearing feedback from stakeholder engagements.
- ii. considering the ethical implications of organ utilisation
- iii. hearing feedback from the Stakeholder Forum and subgroup chairs.

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1. Matters Arising

The approach to how to address the previous gaps in the Group's engagement was shared, including further workshops, surveys and focus groups.

The following points were raised in discussion:

- Survey to be launched aimed specifically at patients
- Series of calls being held with social workers and OUG Secretariat

2. Draft Report

The Group recapped key points of the OUG Terms of Reference as part of the context for the draft report.

The following points were raised in discussion:

- Executive Summary to be in plain English – possibility to include patient group feedback in creating this
- Context and purpose to be articulated for a non-clinical audience
- Steer from the Department of Health on the level of detail required on health economics to get the report past ministers
 - Some of the analysis is old, but the higher-level narrative is necessary
- Sections in plain English within the main body detailing “What does this mean for me” (as a patient, staff member, stakeholder, etc).

3. Feedback from Subgroup Chairs

Subgroup chairs fed back their recommendations to the main Group for comment.

Key themes from subgroup recommendations:

- Patient centred focus, involvement, choice, information and education along the whole care pathway, PROMs, PREMs

- Collaboration with other units and centres through a buddying scheme and building on lessons learned through COVID
- The use of innovation and novel technologies, such as machine perfusion
- Standardisation and strategic direction and leadership with national oversight
- Improved access to data, to inform patient and clinical decision making and resource allocation
- Workforce sustainability, resilience and training to meet current and future needs

4. Feedback from Stakeholder Engagement

The Group was provided with feedback from the OUG's Stakeholder Workshop. Key points/ themes were presented and discussed as follows:

- Equity of access (lifestyle prejudice & geography)
- Workforce
- Streamline commissioning process
- Psycho-social support
- KPIs for standardisation and monitoring against them

Next steps

Next steps were agreed as:

- Secretariat to follow up with each of the administrations on the impact assessment
- Secretariat to arrange a further meeting with all the subgroup chairs to refine the recommendations
- Secretariat to include and specify the next steps within the outline report

Date of next meeting: 10th March 2022