



Summary of Organ Utilisation Group Meeting, 10th March 2022

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

The focus of the meeting would be on:

- i. receiving feedback from meetings and discussions
- ii. agree revised recommendations

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1. Ministerial Feedback

A message from Mara Caulfield was shared with the group, sharing her support for the work of the OUG.

2. Actions Arising

The Notes of the February meeting were agreed and matters arising were shared with the Group:

Patient engagement:

- Survey results received thus far from respondents were shared with the Group
- Feedback from the focus groups held was shared with the group

Workforce survey

- Responses from a survey shared with the centre directors of cardiothoracic and liver transplant centres were shared with the Group.

3. Summary of site visits and meetings

Since the last meeting, a further site visit was held and feedback from further meetings with international colleagues and social workers was shared with the Group.

4. Outline Report Contents

Additions to the outline report shared in the previous meeting and the approach to the drafting of recommendations were shared with the Group:

- Rationale with evidence base (qualitative and quantitative)
- Recommendation
- Actions to be taken as part of implementation

5. Amalgamated Recommendations

The draft recommendations to be included in the report were shared with the Group. These were an amalgamation of the recommendations put forward by the subgroups and based on the feedback from various meetings and stakeholders.

Recommendation themes:

- Placing the patient at the heart of the service
- An operational infrastructure that maximises transplant potential
- Creating a sustainable workforce that is fit for the future
- Data provisions that inform decisions and drives improvements
- Driving and supporting innovation
- Delivering improvements through new strategic and commissioning frameworks

Next steps

Next steps were agreed as:

- Secretariat to arrange a final meeting
- Secretariat to include and specify the next steps within the outline report

Date of next meeting: 10th March 2022