



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

NHSBT BOARD – July 2022

UPDATE FROM THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

1. Organ donation and transplantation position – Wales

Summary Figures	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23 Q1
Donors after brain death (DBD)	36	38	11
Donors after circulatory death (DCD)	13	16	6
Total deceased donors	49	54	17
Living donors	13	35	3
Total patients on active list (end of period)	159	226	217
Deceased donor transplants	101	129	49
Living donor transplants	17	47	4
Total organ transplants	118	176	53
Number of people opted-in on ODR	1,323,716	1,364,252	1,374,507
Percentage of population opted-in on ODR	42	43	43
Number of people opted-out on ODR	195,124	197,982	198,466
Percentage of population opted-out on 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 15 June 2022 and the agenda included discussions on pancreas transplantation, update on communications plans 2022/23 and general updates from attending organisations and health boards.
- There was discussion about the ongoing work surrounding the development of the NHS Wales App and its linkage with the Organ Donor Register, and an update on the new digital critical care system roll-out.
- The next meeting of WTAG is scheduled for 06 September 2022.

3. Donation and Transplantation Plan for Wales 2022-2026

- The Donation and Transplantation Plan for Wales 2022-26 was published on the ODT website on the 16 June 2022. A Welsh Health Circular was distributed to Health Boards and Organisations outlining the plan and providing links to the publication.
[Donation and transplantation plan 2022 to 2026 \(WHC/2022/12\) | GOV.WALES](#)
[Donation and Transplantation Plan for Wales - ODT Clinical - NHS Blood and Transplant](#)
- The plan aims to build on the improvements in donation and transplantation started following the UK Organ Donation Taskforce report in 2018, recommendations set out in the UK Organ Transplantation to 2020, and the accompanying Wales action plan.
- The plan also complements the UK Organ Donation and Transplantation 2030: Meeting the Need strategy and supports its objectives.

4. General Update

- The SaBTO FAIR III report and review for tissue and cell donation has been received and discussion on implementation are taking place prior to policy officials providing advice to the Minister for Health & Social Services for approval.

5. Update from Welsh Blood Service (WBS)

- Occult Hepatitis B: WBS have introduced testing into the donation process. Work is now ongoing with the Health Boards, Public Health Wales, WBS, and Welsh Government to set up the look back study not samples retained by WBS. This work will be undertaken in conjunction with work being done by the Safety of Blood, Transplantation and Organs (SaBTO).
- Fractionation for Medicines project: The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is nearing completion. The 4 nations and their blood services are working together to agree the MoU and the practicalities of the project going forward.
- Blood Supply Shortage: Current blood supply shortages across the UK are due to a number of factors, including the high numbers of Covid19 circulating in the community and among staff. Blood services are working together to ensure the supply is sustained. WBS are working with the blood bank managers in the health boards to ensure the appropriate use of supplies.