

NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT

28 MAY 2015

REPORTS FROM THE UK HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

Reports from Scotland and Wales are attached.

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SCOTLAND UPDATE FOR NHSBT BOARD MEETING – 28 MAY 2015

Organ Donation and Transplantation

Media and Marketing Campaign 2014-15. An all agency wrap up meeting has been held and the learnings from this will form the basis of the development of the 2015-16 campaign.

Commissioning Transplantation to 2020: An initial impact assessment suggested that implementation of the UK and Scottish strategies is likely to increase solid-organ transplantation levels in Scotland by 48% from 344 in 2012/13 to around 510 transplants in 2019/20, with increases in the number of transplants using organs from both deceased and living donors. In order to meet this significant growth in levels of transplantation activity, a steering Group was established to examine the capacity and demand of the Scottish solid-organ transplantation services up to 2020. Its final report will be considered by the National Specialist Services Commissioning Committee in June.

IGA review: The final report and its conclusions will be circulated more widely for consultation with: a) those with an interest in Scotland, b) Government officials and, c) the transplant/donation community in the other UK countries.

Member's Bill on Opt-Out: Ms McTaggart MSP, has until early June 2015 to present her proposed Bill.

Penrose Enquiry

- The Penrose Inquiry into infected blood and blood products was published on Wednesday 25 March. Then Health Secretary Nicola Sturgeon established the independent inquiry under the Inquiries Act 2005 on 23 April 2008.
- On 26 March 2015, both the FM and Cabinet Secretary for Health apologised for the tragic events on behalf of the Government of Scotland and NHS Scotland.
- Lord Penrose's report made a single recommendation; that the Scottish Government should take all reasonable steps to offer a hepatitis C test to anybody who might have been infected before 1991 by a blood transfusion who has not already been diagnosed.
- This has been accepted in full and SG will form a short life working group with Health Protection Scotland, SNBTS and patient groups to take this matter forward.
- A CMO letter was issued on 27 March 2015 to alert GPs to the potential increase in requests for testing. The publicity around the inquiry has clearly alerted a number of people to the possibility of infection.
- We will proceed to review the existing financial support arrangements for those infected and their families as a matter of priority. This review will be taken forward by an independent chair. Our intention is that the financial review will report to Scottish Ministers as soon as possible and a decision made by April 2016.

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WALES UPDATE REPORT FOR NHSBT BOARD MEETING – 28 MAY 2015

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Human Transplantation (Wales) Act 2013

Communications and engagement: New TV adverts are being filmed for broadcast from mid June to coincide with a leaflet drop to all households in Wales which will start on 15 June and which will take four weeks to complete. The timing is also planned to coordinate with the launch of the new organ donor register (see below). A series of media events are being planned in Wales to mark the “six months to go” stage on 1 June.

Register redevelopment: The new register is now in use as a read only version and on track for a soft launch on 1 June and a full launch on 1 July. Some issues were encountered during the data migration which affected the partner feeds but this has been managed and fixed, and is not expected to impact on the launch dates.

Business change and training: A detailed fact sheet for healthcare professionals has been developed and was distributed extensively at the NHSBT Congress. It will not be issued to all medical and nursing staff in Wales and to all organ donation committees across the rest of UK for their use in staff awareness. NHSBT has reviewed all its operational documentation and staff are receiving training on the new register. Detailed training for SNODs on the Welsh legislative changes will take place during August/September. SNODs will also be supplied with standard presentation covering the changes which they can use in the training they deliver to wider NHS staff.

Subordinate legislation: The summary report from the consultation on three sets of regulations will be published shortly. Some minor changes to the draft regulations will be made as a result of consultation responses. The NHSBT Wales Directions have been amended to require the holding of information of people who wish to register a decision not to be a donor and of appointed representatives and NHSBT has been sent a copy.

Taking Organ Transplantation to 2020 – Wales Action Plan

At the Wales Transplantation Advisory Group (WTAG), earlier this month, the group had an update on progress implementing the Human Transplantation Wales Act and a detailed discussion on the communications plan for the next few months. The Group discussed further revisions to the action plan and report template for Local Health Board which will be completed by the end of July and then peer review will take place at the next meeting in September. The Group also discussed progress on the Taking Organ Transplantation to 2020: Wales Action Plan including work being taken forward to improve living donation, donation from the emergency department and paediatric donation.

The Towards 2020 - Organ Transplantation in Wales Conference will be taking place on Thursday 24 September at a venue in Cardiff, registration to anyone interested in attending will be available online from the beginning of June. The conference will

focus in the morning on the practical implementation of the Human Transplantation (Wales) Act and in the afternoon on the 2020 Wales Action Plan with sessions on donation from the emergency department, paediatric donation, donation pathway and transplantation.

All Wales Blood Service (AWBS)

The Programme Vision, Service Blueprint, Service Model, Governance Plan and Transition Plan have been approved by the Programme Board and Velindre Trust's Board. WBS has moved to the implementation phase and re-organised its work streams and leadership accordingly to ensure the safe transfer of services. NHSBT continues to be a vital partner in future preparations.

WBS is working towards the AWBS being effective from 2 May 2016 following approval at the 21 January Programme Board meeting. Following clarification of a few issues, scrutiny of the Business Justification Case has been completed successfully by Welsh Government officials and approved by the Minister.

Amendment NHS Blood and Transplant (Gwaed a Thrawsblaniadau'r GIG) (Wales) (Amendment) (No 2) Directions 2015 have been drafted and shared with WBS, NHSBT and DH. NHSBT's final comments were received on 15 May. Once all comments have been received and considered, the amendment will be finalized and a submission put to the Minister. The submission will also provide a draft Written Statement. Bilingual Written Statements (WS) are e-mailed to Assembly Members (AMs) during Assembly normal working hours. Welsh Government protocol dictates that AMs must receive statements ahead of media, stakeholders and the general public. This means that any media statement from the NHSBT (or the Welsh Blood Service) needs to be issued after the WS has been issued. NHSBT and WBS will have good notice of the date the WS will be issued.