



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

NHSBT BOARD – September 2022

UPDATE FROM THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

1. Welsh Transplant Advisory Group – WTAG

- The last meeting was held on 6 September 2022 and the agenda included discussions on organ donation registration and transplant data; implementation of the Welsh Plan; the NHS Executive and networks. There were also updates on the plans for Organ Donation week 2022 and general updates from attending organisations and health boards.
- The success of the Wales Team was noted at the Transplant Games with 22 athletes from Wales, accompanied by their families, participated in the games. They came home with 21 medals (9 Gold, 7 Silver and 5 Bronze). With Welsh athlete, Lewis Evans, breaking the 100m transplant sport world record in the 100m sprint with a time of 10.99 seconds and winning gold.
- The next meeting of WTAG is scheduled for 5 December 2022.

2. General Update

- Changes to the HTA Wales Code of Practice is underway to reflect the recent publication of Code of F in Northern Ireland.
- SaBTO recommendations – Welsh Government officials are considering advice from SABTO in relation to the FAIR III and HHV-8 recommendations
- Stem cell Report - Welsh Government officials are working with key NHS organisations to consider the recommendations of the UK Stem Cell Strategic Forum report.

3. Update from Welsh Blood Service (WBS)

Blood Donations: Current stock levels are currently steady across Wales.

Occult Hepatitis B: Testing has begun and is going well to date. Welsh Government officials are working across the 4 nations on a public/donor communications plan and WBS are included in this work. The working group has asked for expressions of interest from the health boards (GPs) to assist with the patient facing work.

Plasma Fractionation: The Department of Health and Social Care is leading on this work and a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is due to be signed shortly. Welsh Government will continue to work with WBS to draw up a business plan