

## NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT

### MULTI-VISCERAL AND COMPOSITE TISSUE ADVISORY GROUP

#### SUMMARY FROM STATISTICS AND CLINICAL RESEARCH

#### INTRODUCTION

- 1 This paper provides an update from Statistics and Clinical Research and summarises current and future work in the area of multi-visceral and composite tissue transplantation.

#### UPDATE FROM STATISTICS AND CLINICAL RESEARCH

- 2 In March 2021, the name of our group changed to Statistics and Clinical *Research*. The new group brings together the Statistics team, the Clinical Trials Unit, the Research and Development Office and the Systematic Review Initiative within NHSBT.
- 3 New and updated reports, all Advisory Group papers and conference presentations continue to be posted on the OTDT Clinical Site [www.odt.nhs.uk](http://www.odt.nhs.uk).
- 4 The 2020/21 Annual Report on Intestine Transplantation has been published on the organ-specific report page of the OTDT Clinical Site (<https://www.odt.nhs.uk/statistics-and-reports/organ-specific-reports/>), and circulated to intestinal transplant centres and commissioners. The report shows 26% fewer patients on the active intestine transplant list at the end of 2020/21 compared to the end of the previous year, and 40% fewer transplants during 2020/21 compared with the previous year, highlighting the impact that the pandemic has had for UK transplantation.
- 5 Please note our current arrangements for staff responsibilities in support of organs and tissues. From October 2021, Chloe Brown will become the new lead for the area of multi-visceral and composite tissue transplantation.

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**RECENT AND FUTURE WORK**

- 6 Over recent years, NHSBT have been undertaking a project to improve the information that is available to patients on the risks and benefits of organ transplantation. One part of this project was to introduce a website to help patients gain a greater understanding of the process of transplantation and make informed choices, now available at <https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/organ-transplantation/>. The other part of this project has been to develop risk communication tools (RCT) that use data from the UK Transplant Registry to convey information about an individual's risks, using past data on patients like them. The lung RCT was recently introduced and can be accessed via the "Transplantation/tools, policies and guidance" page on the [ODT Clinical website](#), or directly [here](#).
- 7 The current UK bowel donor criteria will be extended to consider donors after brain death less than 60 years of age (currently, less than 56 years old) and less than 90 kg (currently, less than 80 kg) for bowel donation. The change will be reflected in POL193 - Intestinal Transplantation: Organ Allocation, POL196 – Deceased Donor Liver Distribution and Allocation and POL188 – Clinical Contraindications to Approaching Families for Possible Organ Donation, all available at: <https://www.odt.nhs.uk/transplantation/tools-policies-and-guidance/policies-and-guidance/>. The introduction date is currently being agreed by all stakeholders, and it is likely to be during November/December 2021. A communication to the intestinal transplant community will be sent when a date has been agreed.

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