



NHSBT BOARD – March 2023

UPDATE FROM THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

1. Organ donation and transplantation position – Wales

Summary Figures	2021/22	2022/23 Q1-Q3
Donors after brain death (DBD)	38	24
Donors after circulatory death (DCD)	16	17
Total deceased donors	54	41
Living donors	35	29
Total patients on active list (end of period)	226	228
Deceased donor transplants	129	119
Living donor transplants	47	36
Total organ transplants	176	155
Number of people opted-in on ODR	1,364,252	1,396,323
Percentage of population opted-in on ODR	43	44
Number of people opted-out on ODR	197,982	199,657
Percentage of population opted-out on ODR	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

- WTAG held a meeting on 14 March 2023.
- The agenda included updates on the Organ Utilisation Report, NHS Wales Executive and networks, organ donation funding and progress of the SaBTO recommendations.

- The group discussed a recent proposal to change the way donor recognition funding is allocated and used in Wales, which in future will be held by the NHSBT regional teams and health boards will be able to apply to access.
- Regular updates were also provided by Welsh Government, health boards and NHS organisations.
- Work is commencing to transition the group, over the next few months, from a Welsh Government implementation/advisory group into a community of practice network within the new NHS Wales Executive which is being established from 1 April 2023.
- The next WTAG meeting is scheduled for 14 June 2023.

3. General Update

- Organ Utilisation report – Minister welcomed the publication of the Organ Utilisation report and agreed implementation of its recommendation would be considered as part of the implementation of the Donation and Transplantation plan for Wales. The Wales Kidney Network have organised a workshop in early May to discuss implementation moving forward. Welsh Government officials have also been invited to be members of the Implementation Steering Group.
- SaBTO recommendations – there are plans to publish the Welsh Government written statements announcing the implementation of recommendations relating to HHV-8.

4. Update from Welsh Blood Service (WBS)

- Fractionation Project: - work is ongoing on a 4 Nations basis ahead of the contract award but there are still issues to be agreed on. Welsh Government will continue to work with WBS colleagues to agree the most suitable way forward for Wales. Andrew Evans is also included in the piece of work.
- Hepatitis B Lookback – WBS continue to take forward this work on behalf of Welsh Government. Products have been identified and recently we've moved to patient tracing/identification work. We will continue to liaise with UK colleagues. Policy officials have joined the SaBTO working group on future lookback policy.
- Infected Blood Inquiry – currently awaiting the outcome of the interim recommendations due before the Easter break. The recommendations are expected to cover compensation ahead of the full report due in the autumn.
- Supply – WBS will cover this in detail and as of now there no issues to present.