

**NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT
ORGAN DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION DIRECTORATE
RETRIEVAL ADVISORY GROUP (RAG)
ACTION POINTS/CARRIED OVER FROM RAG 11 OCTOBER 2022**

Item	Action	By Whom	Progress
5. AP1	<u>Certificate of Recognition for NORS Perioperative Practitioners</u> – This scheme rewards peri-operative practitioners who have been in post for 5 continuous years or more with a certificate of recognition. S Farid to forward actions Leeds have taken to M Berman to improve nursing retention and recognition.	S Farid	
6.1 AP2	<u>MCTAG update</u> – Donor imaging using CT in circumstances where a modified MV graft is being considered is an aspiration to minimise delays and inappropriate travel for retrieval teams and recipients. M Berman/A Butler to form a small working group to discuss involvement of SNODs, CLODs, and the Donation Action Framework in this.	M Berman / A Butler	
6.5 AP3	<u>Pancreas update</u> – A right accessory artery was dissected out of the pancreas due to the liver surgeon stating he needed it. This is not an isolated incident despite being an event that should not happen. While retrieval surgeons should not answer calls during explant procedures, incidents like this can be avoided by better communication between liver and pancreas surgeons at the time of retrieval. It was suggested this is discussed at the Masterclass in January. a) I Currie/M Roberts to amend NORS guidelines to prevent distraction of retrieval surgeons during explant b) I Currie to write to LAG and PAG regarding accessory arteries	a) I Currie / M Roberts b) I Currie	
8 AP4	<u>Super Urgent Liver Report</u> – I Currie and J Whitney to give a presentation on the super-urgent liver pathway at the CT Centre Directors' meeting on 14 October for later cascade to teams	I Currie / J Whitney	Presentation given at CT Centre Directors' meeting 14 Oct 2022
10 AP5	<u>NORS Organ Damage Imaging Group</u> – E Ablorsu stated that this group was set up to develop a guidance protocol to provide more accurately photographic evidence of damage to retrieved organs at the time of retrieval that can be made available to the accepting centre. E Ablorsu will provide an update	E Ablorsu	See Item 8.1 on agenda
12 AP6	<u>NORS Annual Report</u> - D Manas commented that the issue of teams going out but not proceeding with retrieval has been raised at senior management meetings at NHSBT and it is suggested that the reason for this may be an	a) D Manas / I Currie b) M Berman / D Manas	

	<p>increase in more complex marginal donors. DCD retrievals are also more complex procedures.</p> <p>a) D Manas to discuss setting up a working group to look into this issue and updating of the protocol with I Currie</p> <p>b) M Berman to contact D Manas about setting up working group</p>		
15.1 AP7	<p>QUOD Data and Governance Report - BAL samples (which were stopped during COVID) remain low. M Berman to highlight BAL samples to CT NORS teams</p>	M Berman	
15.2 AP8	<p>INOAR - It has been agreed that 2 abdominal NORS teams (Addenbrookes and Edinburgh) will be trained to perfuse hearts for research studies in the absence of a CT NORS team and they will be reimbursed for additional perfusion fluid required for perfusion of INOAR hearts. This will enable 10 hearts to be perfused for research.</p> <p>a) M Berman to circulate the video from the Masterclass 2021 of an abdominal team doing heart retrieval.</p> <p>b) L Armstrong/E Lawson to circulate the SNOD perspective to G Pettigrew/I Currie</p>	<p>a) M Berman b) L Armstrong / E Lawson</p>	
15.3 AP9	<p><u>Update from RINTAG - Uterine transplantation</u> – this program is now live in Oxford with 1 potential donor and SNODs have been given guidelines at donor hospitals. A question was raised about what happens to iliac arteries and whether one of these is lost during the transplantation. M Berman / I Currie to liaise with I Quiroga to circulate the uterine protocol to the RAG group</p>	M Berman / I Currie / I Quiroga	COMPLETE
16.2 AP10	<p><u>Blue Light Audit</u> - There was discussion about potential relationship between flights and blue light use and if impact of flight availability is increasing blue light use for some centres. It was noted that there was no mention of small bowel blue light use in the report, and whether it is grouped in with the other organs being transported as part of the bowel transplant.</p> <p>a) R Hogg to check the relationship between flight and blue light use</p> <p>b) R Hogg / M Roberts to check small bowel blue light usage is correctly recorded.</p>	<p>a) R Hogg b) R Hogg / M Roberts</p>	
17 AP11	<p><u>Masterclass – January 2023</u> - I Currie to check the zoom licence regarding numbers of attendees.</p>	I Currie	COMPLETE