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Background

In July 2020, General ICU and Neuro ICU combined to become 1 unit. This involved the relocation of an ICU from another hospital and increased the bed capacity from 18 to 42 beds split into 4 bases.

General ICU (established in Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh)– Liver transplant unit for Scotland

Neuro ICU (relocated from the Western General Hospital) - previously highest donating ICU within Scotland.

Aim

Due to the amalgamation of these services, there would be a significant increased pool of potential organ and tissue donors within the 1 combined general/neuro ICU.

The aim was to look at ways to increase SN engagement and reduce the risk of missed potential.

Constraints

Difficult timing due to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic with little, to no face to face meetings/teaching.

Huddle

Established twice daily safety huddles held within the ICU at 9am and 3pm to discuss: patient movement/admissions/discharges/safety/EOLC/Research/Infection/Next day discharges.

Who attends?:

All 4 treating ICU Consultants for the 42 beds (1 per base), overall ICU coordinator, all 4 charge nurses (1 per base), research nurses.

Through discussions by the CLOD and Consultant group it was agreed Organ Donation should be added to the meeting structure after EOLC, and the embedded SN should attend the daily meetings. Organ Donation would become a standing item within the meeting structure.

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SAFETY  
EOLC  
ORGAN DONATION  
RESEARCH  
INFECTION  
NEXT DAY DISCHARGES  
NEXT DAY ELECTIVES

Due to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic, this plan was not actioned until March 2021.

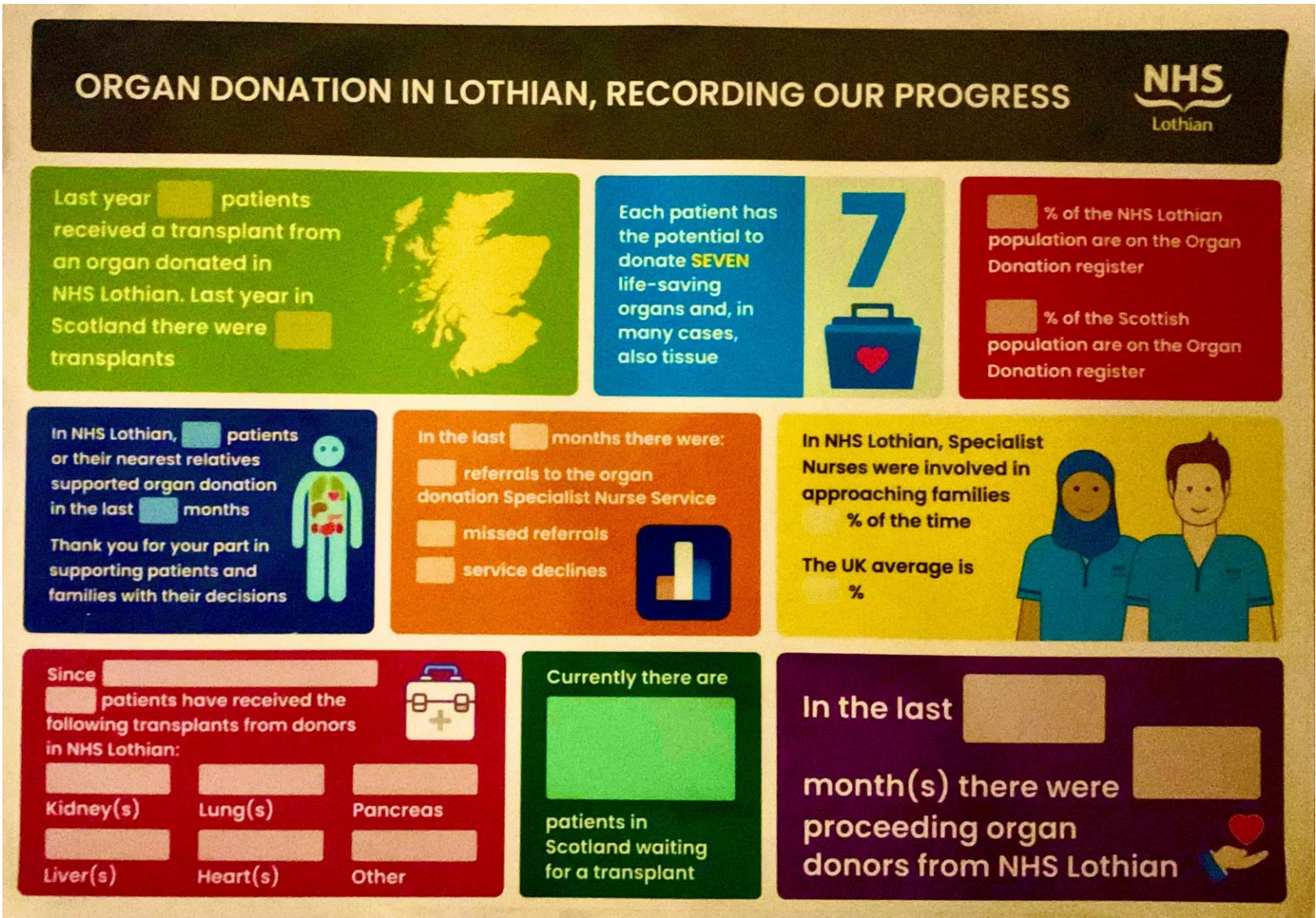
Success

Since this began, we pick up almost all of our weekday referrals during these meetings, we make twice daily calls over the weekend to the ICU coordinator and due to this engagement, have had NO missed potential. The embedded SNODs and SRs are well known and are welcomed as part of the ICU team. We hold discussions around every patient who is moving to EOLC and their potential for organ and tissue donation.

For the year 2022-2023, within RIE General/Neuro ICU, we held 193 discussions – not all eligible, of which 19 proceeded to become organ donors. This engagement is ongoing and proving to be successful.

Feedback

We believe feeding back the outcome and benefits of organ donation is important. The Recording our Progress poster is displayed for all ICU staff to see in the same room as the safety huddles are held. We update this data quarterly.



Recording Our Progress poster by SNOD Caroline Gallier ODT Scotland, is displayed so all the ICU staff can easily see the benefits of their hard work and engagement.