


Informing the Paediatric Donor Family of Non-proceeding Transplant Outcomes

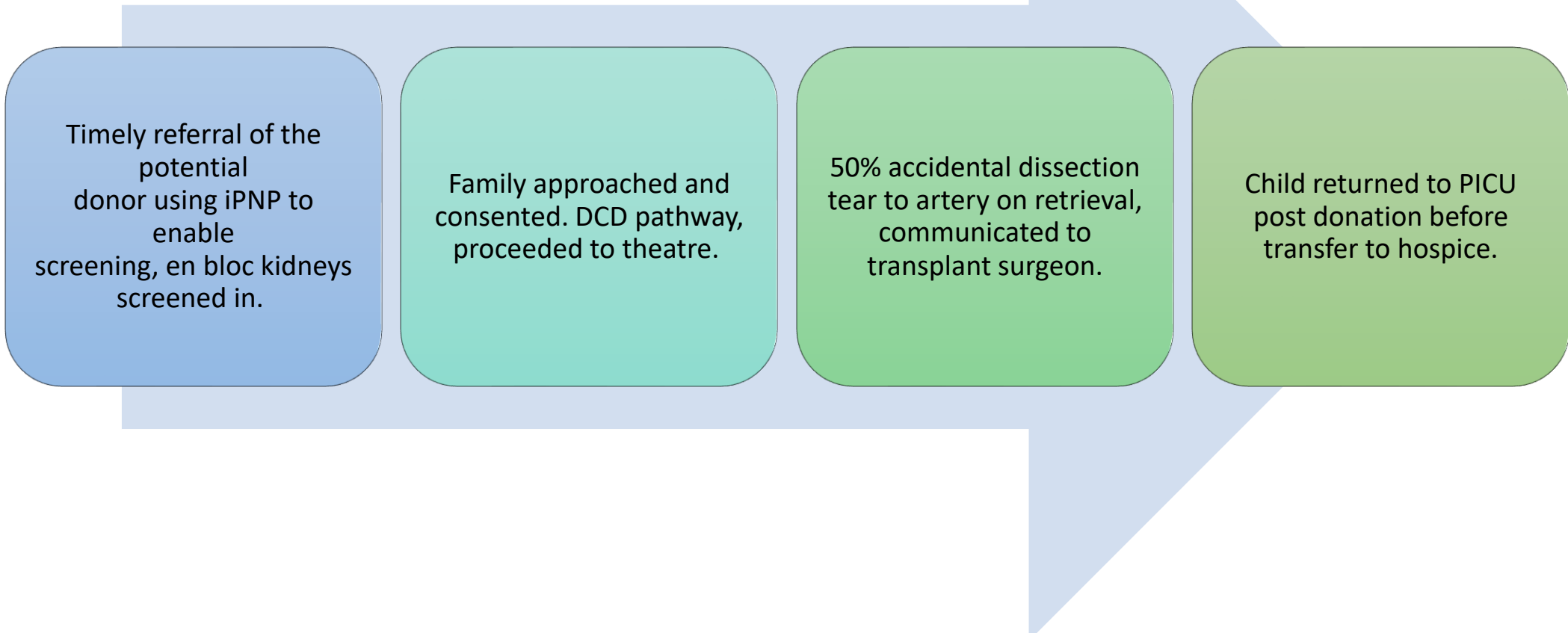


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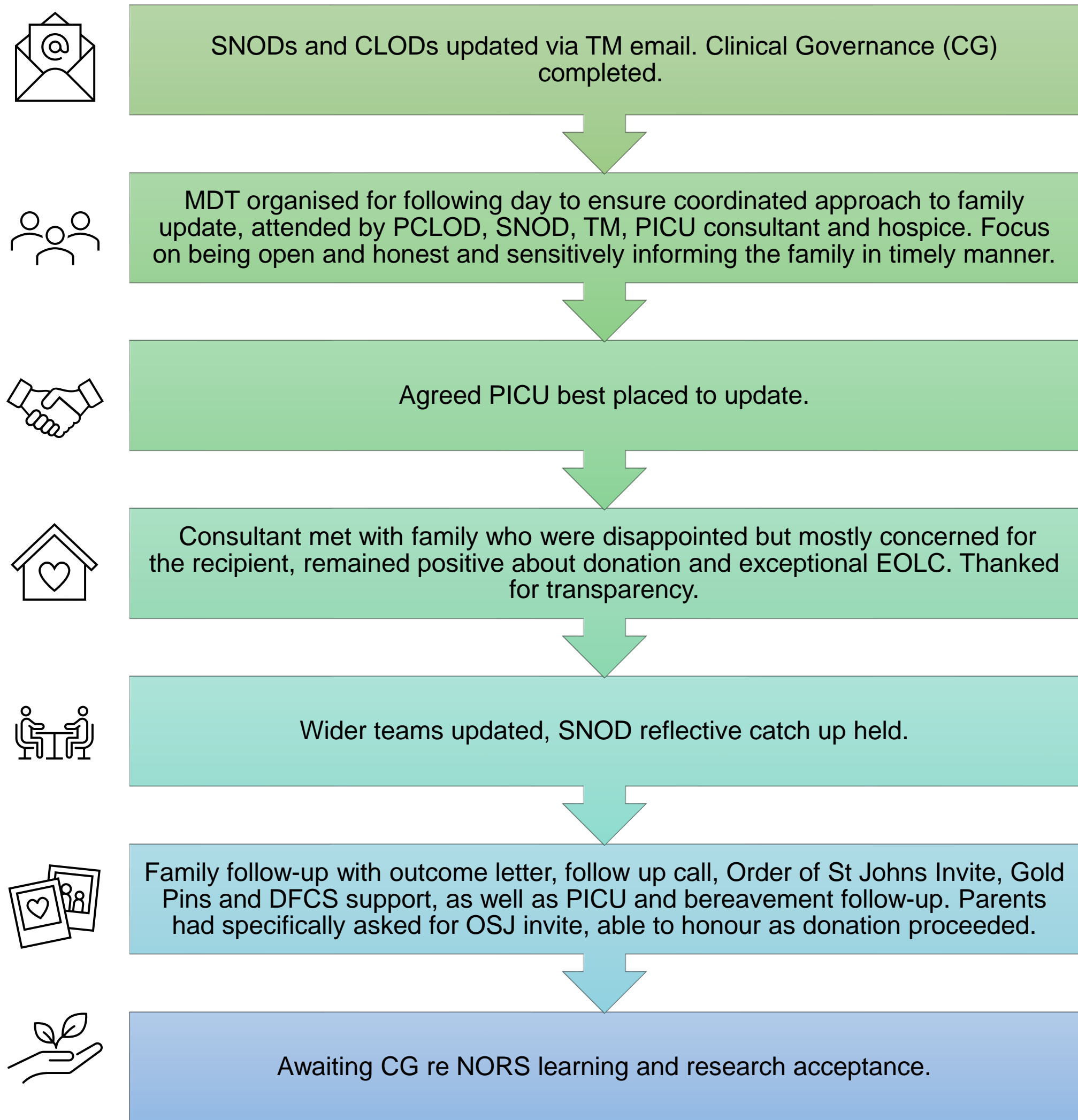
Introduction

The impact of a non-proceeding transplant outcome from a paediatric organ donor has a significant impact on the donor family as well as the health care professionals looking after the donor. We describe a DCD en bloc kidney only donation which had an untoward outcome and how it was managed.



En-bloc kidneys were not suitable for transplantation, due to iatrogenic damage at the time of retrieval. Furthermore, they were not suitable for research. This was communicated with the TM who contacted HUB for the transplant outcome at 24hrs. Usual practice would update the family 2 weeks post donation via outcome letters, this felt unacceptable considering our duty of candour. Sensitive, timely communication was required in conjunction with PICU, for transparency and to maintain confidence in donation.

Managing the transplant outcome



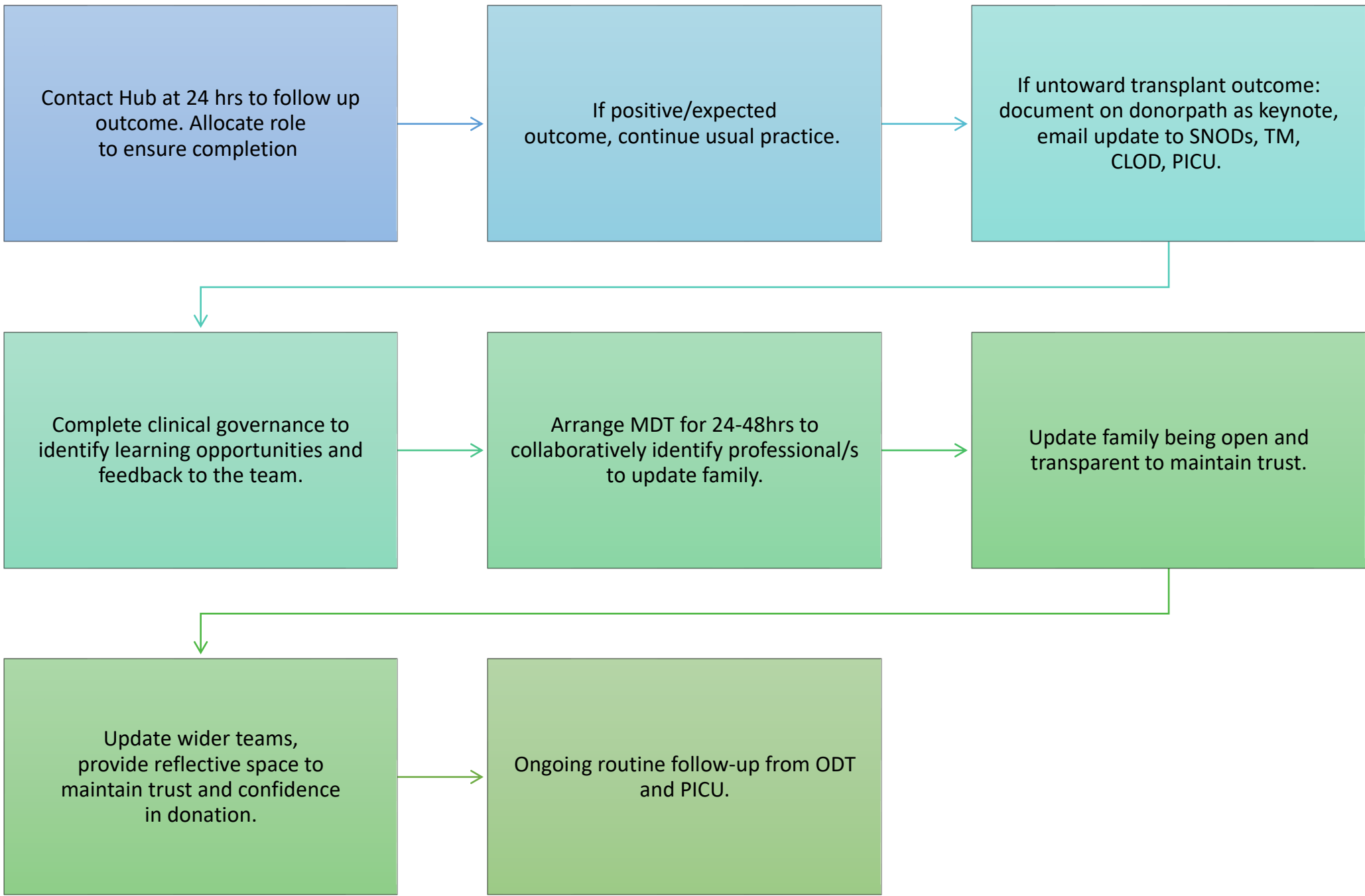
Hospice feedback

"they are really appreciative of the honesty and everyone's thoughtfulness"

Future Recommendations

To consider utilising a framework (below) to identify, manage and sensitively communicate unexpected transplantation outcomes following paediatric organ donation.

Framework to Communicate Outcomes:



Parent feedback via consultant

They "do not regret in any way what they/we did"

Conclusion

The UK Paediatric and Neonatal Deceased Donation Strategy recognises that PICU strive for excellence at end of life, and this should be enhanced by offering organ donation as an EOLC option. Despite this outcome, the family remain comforted by the potential for organ donation and considered their child's EOLC exceptional. This demonstrates excellent collaborative working to ensure a timely, sensitive and coordinated approach to updating a family when transplantation cannot happen whilst maintaining trust and confidence not only with the family but PICU.



Consultant Feedback

"their path was eased by the extraordinary care afforded to them by everyone"