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UK Living Kidney Donation (LKD) Network Newsletter

INTRODUCTION

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the July UK LKD Network Newsletter.

UK Living Kidney Donation (LKD) Network face-to-face meeting, Wednesday 10th May 2023

In this edition our focus is on last month's annual UK LKD Network meeting in Leeds, which provided another very welcome opportunity for us to come together and network with each other at an excellent venue. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the planning and delivery of the meeting, and to all attendees for your contributions to a wide-ranging agenda.

Matthew Robb from NHSBT statistics team set the scene with an overview of transplant activity. His focus on long-term living donor data gave us all an extra incentive to complete those follow-up returns. Rommel Ramanan presented some preliminary data from the NHSBT transplant centre workforce survey, which highlighted the challenges of comparing the workforce in different units but hopefully provides a framework for ensuring appropriate allocation of resources to living donor transplantation programmes, supported by the findings of a referral centre workforce survey which is currently in progress. The clinical cases session generated a lively discussion about potential donors with high BMI, fibromuscular dysplasia or a reduced GFR, including our interpretation of nuclear medicine studies.

It was interesting to compare the commissioning models across the 4 UK nations during the first afternoon session, and to hear about examples of commissioning successes at national and local levels. The final session about travel for transplant was not for the faint-hearted as we learned from HTA experts about the potential pitfalls, as highlighted in recently publicised legal cases for which references were made to the Modern Slavery Act. It was very informative to hear of practical approaches to familiar scenarios such as the patient who raises the possibility of travelling abroad for transplant and requests copies of relevant clinical/laboratory information, or who requests a letter to support a visa application for someone to travel to the UK to donate a kidney.

Thanks also to everyone who has provided feedback. It is great to hear that the meeting was well received, and to note your suggestions for future meetings. Planning for next year's programme is already underway.

Access to all presentations from the day can be found at the following link:

<https://www.odt.nhs.uk/living-donation/uk-living-kidney-donation-network/>

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Kidney Advisory Group July 2023

Please see the latest papers and outcomes from discussions at the recent KAG meeting (3rd July) here:

- **KAG July 2023: Living Donor Kidney Transplantation Update:**
<https://nhsbtdbe.blob.core.windows.net/umbraco-assets-corp/30184/july-2023-kag-ldkt-update.pdf>
- **KAG International (Transnational) Collaboration in Kidney Exchange Programmes with Donor Recipient Involvement: Proposed approach for the UK:**
<https://nhsbtdbe.blob.core.windows.net/umbraco-assets-corp/30183/july-2023-kag-international-collaboration-in-kidney-exchange-programmes.pdf>

Update of UK LDKT Guidelines – Call for expressions of interest

Lisa Burnapp is leading on an update of these guidelines and a recent email has been sent to members of the British Transplantation Society for expressions of interest to be involved as a co-author. Please complete and return the form (accessed via the link below) **by Monday 31st July** to

trudy.monday@nhsbt.nhs.uk

<https://nhsbtdbe.blob.core.windows.net/umbraco-assets-corp/30185/form-for-eoi-update-of-the-living-donor-kidney-transplantation-guideline.docx>

The current guidelines (Fourth Edition, March 2018) can be found at the following link:

https://bts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/FINAL_LDKT-guidelines_June-2018.pdf

‘Save the Dates’:

- **NHSBT/BTS Induction Course for Recipient and Living Donor Co-ordinators:**
Thursday 5th and Friday 6th October 2023, NHSBT, Stoke Gifford, Bristol
- **BTS Annual Congress 2024:**
Wednesday 6th to Friday 8th March 2024, Harrogate Convention Centre

Resources available from NHSBT:

Activity and centre specific reports <https://www.odt.nhs.uk/statistics-and-reports/>

COVID 19 advice for clinicians <https://www.odt.nhs.uk/covid-19-advice-for-clinicians/>

Living Donation

Professional resources <https://www.odt.nhs.uk/living-donation/>

Donor information <https://www.organdonation.nhs.uk/become-a-living-donor/>

Recipient information <https://www.odt.nhs.uk/information-for-patients/>

Promotional materials <https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/how-you-can-help/get-involved/living-organ-donation-materials/>

Community Investment Scheme -Living Donation <https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/how-you-can-help/get-involved/community-grants-programme/about-the-programme/>

Writing to living donors www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/writing-to-your-living-donor

Please refer to the separate update for the latest on the UK Living Kidney Sharing Scheme and NHSBT living donation news:

<https://www.odt.nhs.uk/living-donation/uk-living-kidney-donation-network/>

Donor-recipient information/organisations:

Kidney Care UK: <https://www.kidneycareuk.org/news-and-campaigns/coronavirus-advice/>

National Kidney Federation: <https://www.kidney.org.uk/news/coronavirus-latest-information-and-advice>

Give a Kidney: <https://www.giveakidney.org/>

Gift of Living Donation (GOLD): <http://giftoflivingdonation.co.uk/>

Professional Societies and other organisations:

BTS: <https://bts.org.uk/>

UKKA: <https://ukkidney.org/about-ukka>

NHS England: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

Access to NHSE Renal Services Transformation Programme Transplantation Toolkit:

<https://future.nhs.uk/system/login?nextURL=%2Fconnect%2Eti%2FRSTP>

Living Donation Scotland: <https://www.organdonation.scot/living-donation>

Human Tissue Authority: <https://www.hta.gov.uk/>

HTA Transplant Team: transplant@hta.gov.uk

Please contact us if we can help or support you in any way:

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