

NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT
CARDIOTHORACIC ADVISORY GROUP – LUNG
REVIEW OF HTA B FORM RATES

Background

- 1 There is a statutory obligation to provide traceability information for all organs accepted for the intention of transplantation. NHSBT uses HTA A and HTA B forms for this purpose, irrespective of whether that organ was transplanted, sent for research or disposed of. At the end of April 2021, it was identified that there were a significant number of HTA B forms outstanding across the UK.
- 2 On the 1 November 2021, the chase process for HTA B forms was changed. All outstanding 'B forms' are chased at days 5, 10, 12, 26 and 33, each chase with the transplant unit is escalated and will come to the clinical director on day 26 and day 33. If the form has not been submitted by day 60 and there is no identified reason, this will be followed up by the Medical Director at NHSBT. Following NHSBT's recent HTA audit of our assisted function, the HTA have agreed that any forms outstanding at day 90 are reported directly to them. All forms prior to the 1 November will continue to be chased via the monthly reports to the trust which will be sent to the clinical director as of 1 March 2022 rather than the licence holder and the Information Service team will work closely with any centre who has over 5-10 forms overdue over the next few months to clear any overdue forms.

Results

- 3 **Table 1** shows the overall number of lung HTA-B forms expected and number outstanding by centre for the period 1 January 2017 – 31 January 2022, with **Figure 1** displaying the return rates for each centre, compared to the national rate, on a funnel plot. **Table 2** shows this information broken down by year.

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Centre	Total forms expected	Total forms outstanding	
	N	N	%
Newcastle	347	6	2
Papworth	366	0	0
Harefield	461	0	0
Birmingham	148	0	0
Manchester, Wythenshawe Hospital	208	0	0
London, Great Ormond Street	38	0	0

Figure 1 Form return rates, 1 January 2017 - 31 January 2022, as at 8 March 2022

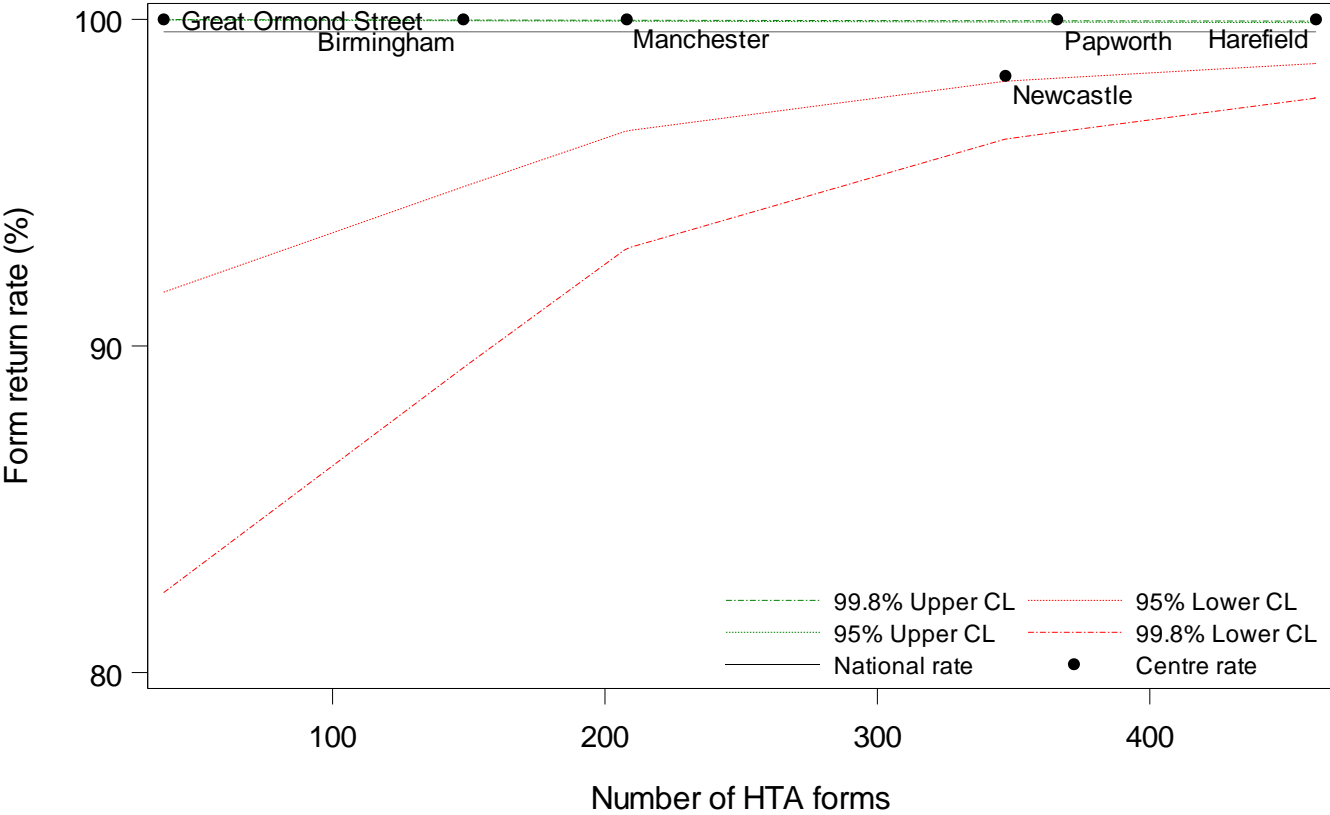


Table 2 HTA-B forms expected and outstanding for lung centres by year, 1 January 2017 - 31 January 2022, as at 8 March 2022

Centre	2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			2022		
	Expected N	Outstanding N	%	Expected N	Outstanding N	%	Expected N	Outstanding N	%	Expected N	Outstanding N	%	Expected N	Outstanding N	%	Expected N	Outstanding N	%
Newcastle	85	0	0	75	0	0	80	1	1	50	0	0	53	1	2	4	4	100
Papworth	79	0	0	94	0	0	80	0	0	42	0	0	65	0	0	6	0	0
Harefield	127	0	0	120	0	0	90	0	0	67	0	0	51	0	0	6	0	0
Birmingham	32	0	0	43	0	0	34	0	0	18	0	0	21	0	0	0	-	-
Manchester, Wythenshawe Hospital	52	0	0	50	0	0	44	0	0	31	0	0	29	0	0	2	0	0
London, Great Ormond Street	8	0	0	8	0	0	10	0	0	4	0	0	8	0	0	0	-	-