



Summary of Implementation Steering group for Organ Utilisation (ISOU) Meeting, 18th April 2023

The Co-Chairs welcomed members to the first meeting of the Implementation Steering Group for Organ Utilisation (ISOU).

The key aims of the meeting were to:

- Provide the context and background to the Organ Utilisation Group (OUG), especially for those who were not involved in the OUG
- Identify roles and responsibilities for delivering recommendations in the OUG report
- Discuss the approach for implementation, priorities for action and potential subgroups to lead specific areas of work

1. Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

2. Background (i) Context (ii) Organ Utilisation Group (iii) Recommendations

A presentation was given summarising the context to organ utilisation and the vision from the OUG.

The following points were raised:

- UK transplant data is high quality and internationally renowned
- There is a need for up-to-date data to support organ transplantation
- The data needs to be reviewed and used to inform implementation
- Utilisation practice is changing in response to the OUG work and there is a need to build on this through implementation activity
- The group needs to ensure that progress is demonstrated and communicated to stakeholders who gave their time during the OUG process.

3. Terms of Reference and Membership

The draft Terms of Reference (TOR) were shared and would be revised in line with comments received from members.

4. Approach to Implementation (i) Roles and responsibilities

Lead organisations were identified to deliver each recommendation.

It was agreed that further consideration is needed for the best engagement / consultation approach with patients in Devolved Administrations for those services that do not have a transplant centre in their jurisdiction.

NHSE is working with NHSBT and DHSC to consider the approach and potential timescales for the cardiothoracic review.

5. Approach to Implementation (ii) Prioritisation

The group agreed there is a need to map existing work against the recommendations from the OUG report, to demonstrate where progress is already being made.

6. Approach to Implementation (iv) Stakeholder Forum

It was acknowledged that there is keen interest in ISOU's work. More expertise will be brought in through subgroups and working parties to support implementation. It is vital to bring patient, living donor, deceased donor family, and clinical stakeholders' voices to the implementation, following on from the successful process in the OUG.

Building on that experience from the OUG it was agreed to establish an ISOU Stakeholder Forum, with patient and clinical Co-Chairs, to provide an opportunity for engagement with stakeholders and to provide a vehicle for updates and to steer progress.

Next steps

Next steps were agreed as:

- Members will contact the secretariat with information on actions planned/underway to support delivery of the OUG recommendations
- Secretariat to develop proposals for subgroups for ISOU's consideration
- Secretariat to develop proposals for a Stakeholder Forum

Date of next meeting: 11th July 2023