

**NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT**  
**CARDIOTHORACIC ADVISORY GROUP**

**HEART ADVISORY GROUP WORKPLAN – SEPTEMBER 2014**

**FIXED TERM PROJECTS**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Planned completion date</b>	<b>Current priority</b>	<b>S&amp;CS resource reqd</b>
1 Implement new zonal boundaries for joint heart/lung zones	Autumn 2014	***	**
2 Heart allocation working group (HAWG)			
Data collection for super-urgent scheme agreed	Dec 2014	***	**
Clarification of current heart/lung block allocation	Sept 2014	***	*
Review heart selection policy to identify changes required to current arrangements	September 2014	**	**
Review heart allocation policy to identify changes required to current arrangements	September 2014	**	**
Review proposed blood group prioritisation of urgent heart and super-urgent heart patients.	September 2014	**	**
3 Scout pilot project			
Provide analytical support to the NORS Review Scout Project Group	March 2016	**	***
4 Audit of different components of ischaemia time	April 2015	*	**
5 Data collection on antibody incompatible transplants	Ongoing	*	**
6 Long-term VAD outcomes analysis	April 2015	*	***
7 Impact of duration between brain stem death and retrieval on heart utilisation and post-transplant outcomes	April 2015	**	***
8 Implementation of super urgent heart allocation	Dependent on NHSBT IT	***	*

**ONGOING PROJECTS**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Planned completion date</b>	<b>Current priority</b>	<b>S&amp;CA resource reqd</b>
1 Liaison with patient groups	Annually	***	*

**REGULAR REPORTS**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Current priority</b>	<b>Time taken</b>
1 Summary of CUSUM signals	Twice yearly	**	< 2 hours
2 Production of retrieval report	Twice yearly	*	< 2 hours
3 Characteristics of urgent patients	Annually	***	Two days
4 Blood group: Waiting time + deaths on list	Annually	**	One day
5 UHAS annual review	Annually	**	One day
6 Zonal activity review and adjustment of zonal boundaries if required	Annually	**	One week
7 Centre specific reports (for NHS England and the website)	Annually	***	One month
8 Centre specific reports for CTAG	Annually	**	One day
9 National stds for donor id, care and mgmt	Annually	*	Half day
10 Prolonged registrations	Annually	*	Half day
11 Monitoring of GOSH 20cm rule	Annually	*	Half day
12 Fast track scheme review	Biennial	*	One day

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