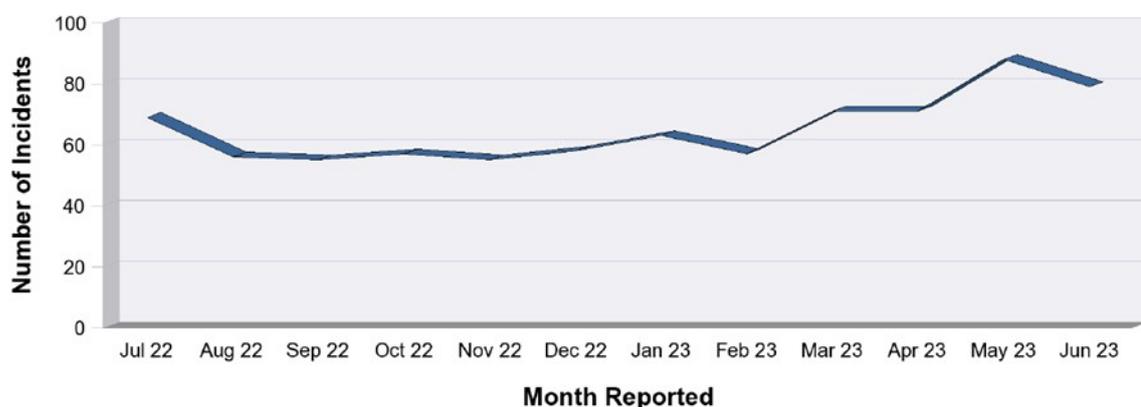**NHS**
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1. Status – Confidential

2. Action Requested

KAG are requested to note the findings within this report.

3. Data

4. Learning from reports

Below is a summary of the findings and learning from key clinical governance reports submitted to ODT:

Date reported: 11/06/23, 14/06/23 and 30/06/23
Reference INC 7116/ INC 7124/ INC 7174

What was reported
Several cases have been reported in relation to gastric staples failure.
Investigation findings
Following review by the National Organ Retrieval Teams (NORS) learning was identified around surgical technique. It was also identified that some of the organs were transplanted, and some were not due to suspected or actual contamination.
Learning
Local Abdominal NORS change to technique, they have advised their team to remove the stomach completely by dividing the duodenum and then the oesophagus and placing the stomach on a side table until they finish the operation. Following this they can return the stomach to the body before closing the midline wound. This will reduce the chance of the staples failing

when the stomach is moved from side to side in the cold phase.

Collated findings discussed with NHSBT National Surgical Lead. Case to be shared included in the Autumn 2023 Retrieval Advisory Group Governance Report for wider awareness.

Findings were also shared with the NHSBT UK Retrieval Lead.

5. Trends noted

Some recent cases have highlighted a requirement to share NHSBTs Organ Donation Management Team On-Call Contact Details.

Any questions or concerns transplant colleagues have regarding proceeding donors/cases can be directed in the first instance to NHSBTs Organ Donation Management Team On call. They will then be able to liaise with the staff directly involved and escalate to NHSBT Directors on Call if required. They can be directly contacted 24hrs a day via a pager 07623512222.

6. Requirement from KAG

 Note findings in this report

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