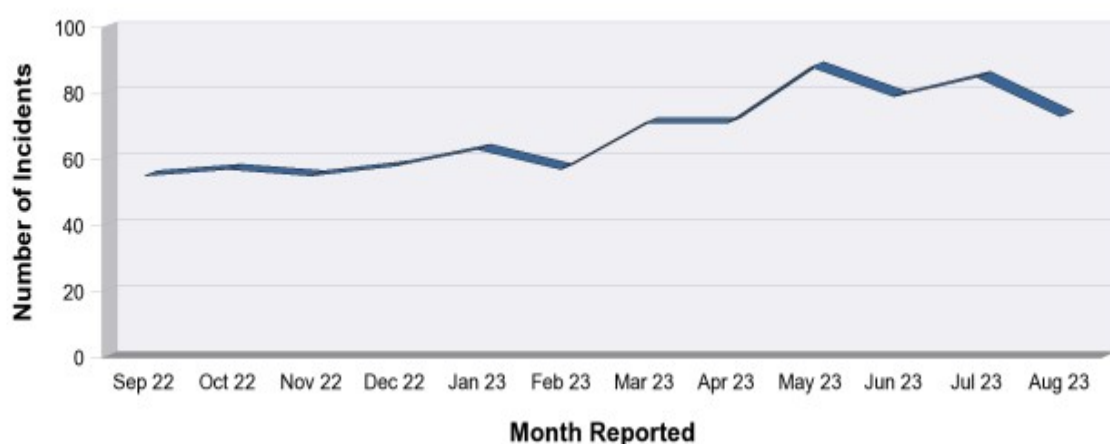


**CTAG-Heart Advisory Group
ODT Clinical Governance Report October 2023**

1. Status – Confidential**2. Action Requested**

CTAG-H are requested to note the findings within this report.

3. Data**4. Learning from reports**

Summary of the findings and learning from key clinical governance reports submitted to ODT:

Date reported: 3rd August 2022

Reference: INC 6463/6934

What was reported
<p>A transplant centre arranged for the Police to transport an organ from the donor hospital to the transplanting centre using blue lights. A member of the CT NORS team travelled in a Police vehicle with a CT organ to the transplanting centre.</p>
Investigation findings
<p>NHSBT Senior Commissioning Manager confirmed that the Department of Transport (DfT) and Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) does not give exemptions from road traffic regulations for the carriage of organs,</p>

particularly, exceeding the statutory speed limit.

The cases were discussed with the Head of Regulation for Organ Donation and Transplantation at the HTA.

Learning

- NHSBT Commissioning advised the Trusts' Director of Operations, Medical Directors & ODT Sector Licence Holders, and the local police force Chief Constables that NHSBT does not endorse the use of blue lights/speed outside the national speed limits to transport organs. Commissioning also advised that NHSBT does not endorse the use of the Police force to transport organs or members of the NORS team.
- This information was shared with all NORS centres.

Trends noted

- Formal guidance for timings of hearts leaving theatre to be discussed as agenda item
- Several cases have highlighted the need to share NHSBT Organ Donation Management Team On-Call Contact Details with transplant centres. Any questions or concerns transplant colleagues have regarding proceeding donors/cases should be directed in the first instance to NHSBTs Organ Donation Management Team On call 24hrs a day via a pager 07623512222. The Management Team will liaise with staff directly involved and escalate to NHSBT Directors on Call if required.

Requirement from CTAG-H

Note findings in this report.

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