

## WORKPLAN FOR CARDIOTHORACIC ADVISORY GROUP - Heart 2021-24

Priorities Identified	Priority rating	Justification for Priority rating	Plan to achieve completion	Anticipated start date	Anticipated completion date	Measure of success	Key deliverables
<u>Priority 1:</u> Implementation of fair and equitable urgent heart donor organ allocation	****	To allocate hearts to urgent patients on the waiting list according to need but also achieving good outcomes	Heart Allocation sub-group convened Sept 2021 to discuss future allocation policy. Modelling work undertaken by Statistics Team for Risk Communication Tool to model waiting list mortality and post-transplant outcomes. Review of data collected at time of listing and time of transplant. Involvement for all key stakeholders including operational teams and patient representatives.	Autumn 2021	Autumn 2023	Equitable waiting times across centres, reduce waiting list mortality without negatively impacting post-transplant outcomes	New urgent heart allocation scheme
<u>Priority 2:</u> Increase utilisation of donor hearts	****	Increase the number of hearts for transplantation and the chances of listed patients receiving a transplant	Agree on minimum dataset for offering a donor heart. Work with CLUs and others to explore methods of donor optimisation and hurdles to organ acceptance. Achieve sustainable funding for DCD heart retrieval	Autumn 2021	Autumn 2022	Increase the utilisation rate of DBD donor hearts offered from 29% in 2021/22. Sustainable funding for DCD heart retrieval.	Agreed donor optimisation process and fully funded DCD heart retrieval service.

Priority 3: Co-ordinated and increased focus on cardiac allograft vasculopathy (CAV)

CAV accounts for 30% of mortality in heart transplant patients beyond the first post-transplant year

Consider set up of working group to discuss this issue further