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# UK Living Kidney Donation (LKD) Network Newsletter



## INTRODUCTION

*Dear Colleagues,*

Welcome to the December UK LKD Network Newsletter.

In this edition ....

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2024 UK Living Kidney Donor Network Meeting which will take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 at the Hilton City Leeds Hotel, the same venue as last year.

The feedback from last year's meeting was very positive and we have included your suggestions in planning the content of next year's forum. The traditional opening review of living donor activity in the UK will include a focus on young donors, linking into a later session on challenging clinical scenarios in which we will also explore donor/recipient age mismatch and the assessment of donors with a previous cancer diagnosis. We also hope to look at variation in living donor transplant pathways in the UK from a sustainable healthcare perspective and explore variation in access to living donor transplantation from a socioeconomic and cultural perspective. There will also be a welcome update on Travel for Transplantation, and opportunities for networking within the planned breaks.

In this Winter Newsletter we have also included a reminder about the BTS Annual Congress in Harrogate in March 2024, and links to relevant NHSBT resources including the latest report on activity within the UK Living Kidney Sharing Scheme.

We wish you all the best for 2024 and it will be great for us all to come together for our annual Forum in April.

**Colin Geddes**

- UK LKD Network Co-Chair, UK Kidney Association (UKKA) Lead

**John Stoves**

- UK LKD Network Co-Chair, Clinical Lead Bradford Teaching Hospitals and KAG Representative for Non-Transplanting Centres

## Update of UK LDKT Guidelines (BTS / UKKA)

Lisa Burnapp is leading on an update of these guidelines. If you previously expressed interest in contributing, Lisa will be contacting you in the next couple of weeks. If you have not previously expressed interest in being involved but would like to contribute, please email Lisa directly at:

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### 'Save the Dates':

- **BTS Annual Congress 2024:**  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024, Harrogate Convention Centre  
<https://bts.org.uk/events-meetings/bts-annual-congress-2024/>
- **UK LKD Network Meeting 2024**  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024, Hilton Leeds City: Registration opens in early January 2024 – we will notify you by email; the UK Living Kidney Donation Network webpage will be updated with programme details: <https://www.odt.nhs.uk/living-donation/uk-living-kidney-donation-network/>
- **UK Kidney Week 2024:**  
11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Edinburgh, Scotland: <https://www.ukkw.org/>

### Resources available from NHSBT:

**Activity and centre specific reports:** <https://www.odt.nhs.uk/statistics-and-reports/>

#### Living Donation:

Professional resources: <https://www.odt.nhs.uk/living-donation/>

Donor information: <https://www.organdonation.nhs.uk/become-a-living-donor/>

Recipient information: <https://www.odt.nhs.uk/information-for-patients/>

Promotional materials: <https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/how-you-can-help/get-involved/living-organ-donation-materials/>

Community Investment Scheme - Living Donation: <https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/how-you-can-help/get-involved/community-grants-programme/about-the-programme/>

Writing to living donors: [www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/writing-to-your-living-donor](http://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/writing-to-your-living-donor)

Travel for Transplantation:

[www.organdonation.nhs.uk/become-a-living-donor/](http://www.organdonation.nhs.uk/become-a-living-donor/)

[www.odt.nhs.uk/transplantation/tools-policies-and-guidance/policies-and-guidance/](https://www.odt.nhs.uk/transplantation/tools-policies-and-guidance/policies-and-guidance/)

Please refer to the separate update for the latest on the UK Living Kidney Sharing Scheme and NHSBT living donation news:

<https://www.odt.nhs.uk/living-donation/uk-living-kidney-donation-network/>

### Donor-recipient information/organisations:

**Kidney Care UK:** <https://www.kidneycareuk.org/news-and-campaigns/coronavirus-advice/>

**National Kidney Federation:** <https://www.kidney.org.uk/news/coronavirus-latest-information-and-advice>

**Give a Kidney:** <https://www.giveakidney.org/>

**Gift of Living Donation (GOLD):** <http://giftoflivingdonation.co.uk/>

### Professional Societies and other organisations:

**BTS:** <https://bts.org.uk/>

**UKKA:** <https://ukkidney.org/about-ukka>

**NHS England:** <https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

**Access to NHSE Renal Services Transformation Programme Transplantation Toolkit:**

<https://future.nhs.uk/system/login?nextURL=%2Fconnect%2Eti%2FRSTP>

**Living Donation Scotland:** <https://www.organdonation.scot/living-donation>

**Human Tissue Authority:** <https://www.hta.gov.uk/>

**HTA Transplant Team:** [transplant@hta.gov.uk](mailto:transplant@hta.gov.uk)

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