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LIVER ADVISORY GROUP
CLOSURE OF FRENCHAY HOSPITAL

Frenchay Hospital, currently in Birmingham's liver distribution zone, is closing imminently. Frenchay staff and patients will be transferred to Southmead Hospital (the latter currently in King's College's distribution zone).

On average, Frenchay has produced 1.5 liver offers to Birmingham per month in the last three years, which have resulted in 3 livers transplanted at Birmingham every four months. Southmead has produced virtually zero for King's College. The details are as follows:

Donors from	Current distribution zone	Number of liver offers				Number of livers transplanted by zonal centre			
		2011	2012	2013	Total	2011	2012	2013	Total
Frenchay	Birmingham	22	13	18	53	11	10	7	28
Southmead	King's College	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

The closure of Frenchay will therefore have implications for both Birmingham's and King's College's distribution zones. A review of the liver distribution zones is due in the autumn this year, which should address any discrepancies in zones. If a re-calibration of zones is required at that time, the new zones will be introduced in December/January. This means that King's College might benefit by an expected 1.5 extra liver donor offer per month, over the next few months, until the zones are reviewed.