

NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT

LIVER ADVISORY GROUP

LIVER OFFERING SCHEME – LOGISTICS AND TIMEFRAME FOR IMPLEMENTATION

LAG formally handed over the agreed National Liver Offering Scheme to NHSBT after the last LAG meeting. Since this time, NHSBT have:

- 1) Reviewed the high level policy with the Advisory Group Chairs meeting and at the NHSBT Transplant Policy Review Committee (TPRC). The TPRC were happy with the principles of the scheme and asked to see a more detailed proposal in due course before formal agreement of the scheme by NHSBT.
- 2) Worked on the detail of the requirements with the Liver Core Group. This has raised some questions and the need to resolve some details around how the scheme should operate. The latest working document is presented for Members' information (see further paper). A revised registration form will also be required.
- 3) Started to schedule the resources to implement the scheme. A business case is going to the NHSBT Board on 25th May, asking for the resources required to **develop** (amongst other things) the new liver matching and offering process before March 2017.

In terms of implementation, NHSBT will look to set up a clinical reference group, to guide the development from September 2016. This may be through the Core Group. Members of that group can expect to see working prototypes within 6-8 weeks of the work commencing, based on experience so far with heart allocation development.

It is expected that it will take 6 months to develop the liver offering scheme and that this will take place between September 2016 and March 2017. Deployment for live use would probably be by June 2017. Confirmation of the dates will follow in due course, when further details are known.

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