

NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT

LIVER ADVISORY GROUP

LIVER TRANSPLANT DEMAND AND CAPACITY REVIEW

1. The Hepatobiliary Clinical Reference Group has established a group to review demand and capacity for liver transplant in England and Wales.
2. At its last meeting the group considered a report prepared by NHS BT which analysed the geography of liver transplant. There is evidence of inequity.
3. The report also provided projections of the likely number of cadaveric liver transplants over the next five years. The existing units have been asked to confirm whether they have capacity to meet the projected demand.
4. The group is scheduled to meet again on May 30th.
5. The group **is seeking advice** from Liver Advisory Group. LAG is asked to advice whether the standards for new providers of liver transplant, agreed in 2011, are still valid, or whether they are in need of updating.

E G Jessop
April 2014