

LIVER TRANSPLANT COMMISSIONING

Introduction

The organisation of liver transplant commissioning in England remains unchanged. The national Highly Specialised Services team has oversight of the whole programme, but budgets for each centre are held by the regional commissioning hubs.

Liver transplant specification

The updated specification for liver transplant services is going to the July meeting of Clinical Priorities Advisory Group for endorsement. The specification contains no material changes to the status quo.

The paediatric specification remains unchanged and is not in the 2016/17 work programme.

Post 3 month immunosuppression

The policy position of NHS England is that immune suppression remains the responsibility of the transplant centre in perpetuity (i.e. the old '3 month rule' has been superseded). This policy has however not yet been fully implemented.

CRG membership

There has been a restructuring of the Clinical Reference Groups. Liver transplant remains with the Hepato Biliary CRG.

Live donor programme

NHS England noted the report from LAG on the live donor programme but there are no current plans for change to commissioning of the live donor programme.

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