

**NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT  
ORGAN DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION DIRECTORATE  
DONATED ORGANS MONITORING GROUP**

**Background**

NHSBT has invested a great deal of resources, human and financial, in ensuring that all potential donors are identified, brain stem death testing done where appropriate and families approached for permission to donate. This process is being monitored through the Potential Donor Audit. More recently, work is being done on donor optimisation to ensure that those organs that are retrieved are in the optimal condition for transplantation. However, there is relatively little oversight into the offering and use of organs. Damage to organs during retrieval is reported both through the incident reporting scheme and is reviewed through the Retrieval Sub-Group of CGMG and at the 6-monthly Clinical Commissioning Group.

While some data are being collected, it is clear that the current scheme would benefit from revision and more formal oversight.

**Proposal**

It is proposed that a small new working group is established with the following aims:

- To establish the donor characteristics that will predict non-acceptance of any organ
- To monitor and investigate reported damage to organs
- To establish the donor and organ characteristics that will predict the non-acceptance of a solid organ where consent has been obtained for transplantation
- To determine the reasons for non-use of organs
- To explore the variation in practice between surgeons/centres with respect to organ refusal/non-use
- To work with relevant clinicians
  - to review and revise guidelines for identification of those potential donors where organ donation will not take place
  - to review and revise guidelines for identification of those organs which are not transplantable
  - to develop guidelines to help clinicians identify those organs that could be safely used

**Membership**

National Clinical Lead for Organ Retrieval (Chair)  
Associate Medical Director ODT  
One representative from Statistics and Clinical Audit  
National Clinical Lead for Organ Donation  
One Regional Manager  
Duty Office Manager

The Chair of DAG will be available for input to the group as and when required and will be copied into notes of meetings for information.

Although there is no Advisory Group representation on this group, the Advisory Groups will be consulted on an ad hoc basis for clinical advice on organ-related issues when specific organs are discussed.

**Administration**

The Group will meet every two months or more frequently as required.

Administrative support will be provided by ODT.

Notes will be taken at each meeting and submitted to CGMG.

The group will be a sub-group of and report to CGMG.

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