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UK Living Kidney Donation (LKD) Network Newsletter

INTRODUCTION

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the July UK LKD Network Newsletter.

UK LKD Network Meeting 2024 - Review

We were delighted to welcome so many of you to our annual Network meeting in Leeds in April. The programme and the invaluable contribution of all attendees made for a vibrant meeting with interesting discussion.

Matthew Robb from NHSBT set the scene with the latest national data on living donor activity, with a particular focus on donor and recipient age. Lisa Burnapp gave an update on Travel for Transplant legislation. The key advice is to ask the Human Tissue Authority (HTA) for advice and guidance if there is any uncertainty. Our clinical cases this year focused on the young donor, donor/recipient age gap and a donor with a history of cancer. The commentary from our expert panel generated a lively and insightful debate! One of the take home messages was not to exclude potential donors prior to an initial discussion with the wider multidisciplinary team.

There was plenty of time for informal networking over an outstanding lunch! In the afternoon we compared the carbon footprint of living donor work pathways up in Bradford, Belfast and Cardiff, and discussed how we might make these more environmentally friendly under the expert guidance of Cath Richards and Frances Mortimer from the Centre for Sustainable Healthcare, highlighting also the 3,800 kg CO₂ eq annual footprint for haemodialysis treatment!

We ended the day with a thought-provoking session on addressing health inequalities in living donation led by Gurch Randhawa, Professor of Diversity in Public Health. We are very grateful to all our speakers, our delegates and the organisers who made it such a rewarding day. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at next year's meeting.

Colin Geddes

- UK LKD Network Co-Chair, UK Kidney Association (UKKA) Lead

John Stoves

- UK LKD Network Co-Chair, Clinical Lead Bradford Teaching Hospitals and KAG Representative for Non-Transplanting Centres

Living Donation Survey – Jen Lumsdaine

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received since starting my new role as Lead Nurse – Living Donation in Lisa Burnapp's team. I look forward to working with you all.

We recently sent out a survey to the living donor co-ordinators in transplant centres to identify key areas where we can provide more support from NHSBT - either to you and your team directly, or in local discussions within your hospitals in areas such as theatre access for living donor transplantation. The survey is now complete, and the results will be shared shortly; we are very happy to discuss any of the matters arising with you – thanks to all who participated.

My contact details: email: jen.lumsdaine@nhsbt.nhs.uk and mobile number 07386663801; I look forward to hearing from you.

Travel for Transplantation: Duty to Report - Change in Legislation

The 'Supply of Information about Transplants Regulations 2024' came into force on 1st April 2024, introduced by government under section 34 of the Human Tissue Act 2004. Please click on the following link for an overview and the presentation made to the KAG in July, which includes links to useful information/resources:

<https://nhsbtdeb.blob.core.windows.net/umbraco-assets-corp/33835/duty-to-report-changes-in-legislation-travel-for-transplantation-lburnapp.pdf>

Please see the link below to access the latest Human Tissue Authority (HTA) information in relation to the change in legislation and the duty to report:

<https://www.hta.gov.uk/news/supply-information-about-transplants-regulations-2024>

There is an **Organ Trafficking Educational Webinar** scheduled for **3pm – 4:30pm on 21st August**, where attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions to representatives from the HTA and the Metropolitan Police – please contact Trudy Monday (trudy.monday@nhsbt.nhs.uk) for a link to the MS Teams meeting if you do not have this.

LDKT update, submitted to KAG meeting (July 2024)

Please see the link below to access the LDKT update which was submitted to KAG on 3rd July 2024:

<https://nhsbtdeb.blob.core.windows.net/umbraco-assets-corp/33837/kag24-10-ldkt-update-lburnapp.pdf>

Please contact Lisa Burnapp if you have anything you wish to discuss re. these items.

'Save the Dates':

- **Organ Trafficking Educational Webinar:** 3-4:30pm on 21st August 2024, via MS Teams.
- **Recipient and Living Donor Co-ordinator Induction course, face to face:** 2nd and 3rd October 2024
- **UK Living Kidney Donor (LKD) Network meeting, face to face:** We are hoping to hold the meeting next year on Thursday 15th May 2025, details to be confirmed.
- **BTS / NHSBT Congress:** 12th-14th March 2025, Brighton.

Resources available from NHSBT:

Activity and centre specific reports: <https://www.odt.nhs.uk/statistics-and-reports/>

Living Kidney Donation and Transplantation:

UK LKD Network including the latest meeting: [UK Living Kidney Donation Network - ODT Clinical - NHS Blood and Transplant](#)

Professional resources: <https://www.odt.nhs.uk/living-donation/>

Donor information: <https://www.organdonation.nhs.uk/become-a-living-donor/>

Recipient information: <https://www.odt.nhs.uk/information-for-patients/>

Promotional materials: <https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/how-you-can-help/get-involved/living-organ-donation-materials/>

Community Investment Scheme - Living Donation: <https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/how-you-can-help/get-involved/community-grants-programme/about-the-programme/>

Writing to living donors: www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/writing-to-your-living-donor

Donor-recipient information/organisations:

Kidney Care UK: <https://www.kidneycareuk.org/news-and-campaigns/coronavirus-advice/>

National Kidney Federation: <https://www.kidney.org.uk/news/coronavirus-latest-information-and-advice>

Give a Kidney: <https://www.giveakidney.org/>

Gift of Living Donation (GOLD): <http://giftoflivingdonation.co.uk/>

Make Your Mark - Robert Dangoor Partnership: <https://www.donateakidney.co.uk/>

Professional Societies and other organisations:

BTS: <https://bts.org.uk/>

UKKA: <https://ukkidney.org/about-ukka>

NHS England: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

Access to NHSE Renal Services Transformation Programme Transplantation Toolkit:

<https://future.nhs.uk/system/login?nextURL=%2Fconnect%2Eti%2FRSTP>

Living Donation Scotland: <https://www.organdonation.scot/living-donation>

Human Tissue Authority: <https://www.hta.gov.uk/>

HTA Transplant Team: transplant@hta.gov.uk

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