

National Organ Utilisation Conference 2024**Speaker, Chair and Panel Member Bio's****Derek Manas**

Professor Manas graduated from the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1980 and completed his surgical training at Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town. He subsequently completed fellowships at Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, USA), and Paul-Brousse Hospital (Paris). In 1993, he was the recipient of the CJ Adams/Sandoz Traveling Fellowship to the UK. In 1994, he joined the Newcastle upon Tyne NHS trust (Freeman Hospital) as consultant in hepatobiliary and transplantation surgery. He became Director of Transplantation in 1998 and in 2007, attained a personal chair in Transplantation at Newcastle University. He was instrumental in developing three super-regionally funded transplant programmes (for liver, pancreas and pancreatic islets) in the Northeast of England. He established a number of regional cancers services (HPB and abdominal sarcomas) as well as establishing 'The Northern Intestinal Failure Service'. He founded the first integrated Institute of Transplantation in the UK, which he led as Director, for 10 years. In addition to being a past president of the British Transplantation Society (BTS), he has also been past Chair of the British Liver Transplant Group (BLTG), chair and founder of the BTS Transplant surgeon's chapter, deputy chair of the Liver Advisory Group and deputy chair of the HPB/Medicine CRG. He was Associate medical director for Governance at OTDT and is the current Medical Director of NHSBT (OTDT). He is a member of many national and international societies and a National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) technology adviser. He has an extensive research portfolio with many research interests including novel markers for early detection of hepatocellular (HCC) and cholangiocarcinoma, ablation techniques for treating liver tumours, liver transplantation for cancer, radio-embolization in the management of HCC and colorectal liver metastases and irreversible electroporation (IRE) for the treatment of pancreatic carcinoma. He has published over 300 peer review publications, eight book chapters, and co-edited two books on liver tumours. He is a regular reviewer for numerous journals.

Jonathan Brotherton

Jonathan joined Heart of England Foundation Trust (HEFT) in September 2014, as Director of Operations and was appointed to the Board of Directors in March 2015. When UHB and HEFT merged in April 2018, Jonathan became the Chief Operating Officer (COO) for Good Hope, Heartlands and Solihull hospitals.

On 1 April 2019, he was appointed COO for the whole Trust and was responsible for the day-to-day running of its four hospitals, Birmingham Chest Clinic, Solihull Community Services and a number of 'satellite' units. In addition to holding the COO role, Jonathan was appointed as Deputy Chief Executive in February 2022, and became Interim Chief Executive in January 2023.

In July 2023 Jonathan was appointed as the Trust's Group Chief Executive.

Jonathan joined the NHS in 1992 as a trainee paramedic in Worcestershire, working clinically for 12 years, before moving into management full time. He graduated from the University of Worcester with a Masters' degree in Management Studies in 2007 and has worked in senior leadership roles in a number of acute hospital trusts, regional ambulance services and the National Intensive Support Team.

Krishna Menon

To follow

Dale Gardiner

Dr Dale Gardiner is a Consultant in Adult Intensive Care Medicine at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust and the Associate Medical Director – Deceased Organ Donation at NHS Blood and Transplant.

His professional interests are medical ethics, the diagnosis of death and deceased organ donation.

Dale is a Board Member of the Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine and Chair of the Professional Affairs and Safety Committee. He is co-chair of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges task and finish group to update the 2008 Code of Practice for the Diagnosis and Confirmation of Death.

Originally, Dale came from Australia but migrated to the UK in 2002.

Diana Garcia Saez

To follow

Chris Imray

Chris Imray is an academic renal transplant and vascular surgeon and based at UHCW NHS Trust in Coventry He has a particular interest in fitness for surgery and also decision making in higher risk surgery. He is also a mountaineer who has performed research in remote, austere and extreme environments and has published extensively on the associated physiological responses that occur in humans. There are potential 'reverse' translational insights that may have implications for individuals undergoing surgery and believes we should consider all our patients as 'potential athletes'.

Jennifer Mehew

I joined NHSBT as a principal statistician in 2013 and have spent time as lead statistician for cardiothoracic transplantation, BTRU research, organ utilisation, ROFG and RINTAG as well as working as trial statistician in a number of clinical trials. I have a PhD in Applied Statistics from the University of Reading and am a busy mum of three having recently moved back to

my hometown of Cornwall. I am passionate about making statistics accessible and interpretable and am keen to promote the subject within younger generations.

Amit Adlakha

Amit is a Consultant Intensivist at the Royal Free Hospital, London, and an Honorary Consultant Lung Transplant Physician at University Hospitals Birmingham. He is a clinical lead for lung utilisation within NHSBT and current chair of the UK Association of Lung Transplant Physicians. His professional interests are donor optimisation on the ITU and infectious complications in the immunocompromised host.

Gordon Turpie

I started with NHSBT back in 2009 working within the role as Specialist Nurse for Organ Donation in a busy level 1 trust. I joined the Professional Development Team back in 2016 and now and have developed into the role of Lead Nurse Education & Professional Development

Currently my lead role is to support Consent and NORS education. I have an interest in human factors design and am keen in making practice safer by supporting education initiatives that develop our workforces learning and resilience. I have recently attended Insight Trainer training and collaborate with core working group delivering bespoke team building packages that help us work together better.

I have a passion for simulation education and attained a Post Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Simulation at Birmingham University.

Hilaria Asumu

Hilaria Asumu is a councillor for Walkden South in Salford. She possesses a wealth of experience across the public, private, and third sectors. She's an ambassador for organ donation with NHSBT, a peer educator with Kidney Research UK and a fellow of the Fairer

Health for All (FHfA) currently conducting research on adapting communication in a culturally sensitive way for engagement with ethnic communities.

Hilaria is a passionate advocate for raising awareness about the prevention of kidney disease and health inequalities. Having personally overcome a traumatic experience with kidney disease, Hilaria received a transplant in 2018, which inspired her to champion organ donation within the Black community. She has shared her experiences at prestigious venues such as the London Assembly, Parliament, and other national and international events.

Currently, she is dedicated to establishing a free dialysis centre in Nigeria. Hilaria's remarkable journey was recently featured on ITV This Morning Show. She continues to inspire and drive positive change in the health for her community.

Jo James

Jo completed her paediatric nurse training in 1999 graduating from Salford University. Jo specialised in renal paediatric medicine and surgery working in Pendlebury Children's Hospital, Manchester, Evelina Children's Hospital, London and more recently in Leeds. Jo has worked internationally spending a year in the southern hemisphere where she enjoyed working as a staff nurse at The Starship Children's Hospital, Auckland before returning to the UK and rising through the nursing ranks, more recently taking a clinical nurse specialist role with the renal transplant team in Leeds.

Since 2017 Jo has been employed as a live donor transplant co-ordinator working primarily with the renal team but has also shared her expertise with the live liver co-ordinator team. Jo participates on the recipient on call rota taking donor offers and facilitating renal transplants outside of her elective work.

Jo remains the paediatric lead within the co-ordinator team and is the nurse representative with the Kidney Advisory Group Paediatric Sub Group.

Sanjay Sinha

To follow

Mark Cubbon

Mark is the Group Chief Executive Officer of Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust, a group of 10 hospitals and community services that support the Greater Manchester community with a wide range of acute and specialist healthcare services.

Mark has a long-standing career in the NHSE having joined the NHS as a nurse in Greater Manchester in 1992. Mark became Group CEO of MFT in April 2023. Prior to that, he was Chief Delivery Officer for NHS England where he was responsible for driving change across the NHS to support the move to system working and enable improvements in delivery.

Mark has held a range of senior leadership roles in his career, including Chief Executive at Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust, regional Chief Operating Officer for NHS Improvement in the Midlands and East of England, and several director roles in London NHS trusts, including Moorfields Eye Hospital, Whipps Cross and Barts Health.

Aaron Ranasinghe

To follow

Chris Callaghan

'Chris is a consultant transplant surgeon at Guy's Hospital, London, and is also a member of the transplant teams at Great Ormond Street Hospital and the Evelina London Children's Hospital. He graduated from the University of Otago, New Zealand, before completing a PhD in transplant immunology at the University of Cambridge. After training in multi-organ abdominal transplant surgery at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, he was appointed as a consultant at Guy's in 2012. Chris is the NHS Blood Transplant associate medical director for abdominal organ utilisation, and has clinical and research interests in the use of higher risk deceased donor organs, and in the use of warm machine perfusion in organ transplantation.'

Debbie Macklam

A qualified accountant for over 25 years, Debbie has spent the majority of her career involved in change management across both the private and public sectors.

Since joining the NHS in 2010, Debbie has focused on the implementation of patient-led change initiatives. She has held various roles within the Commissioning Team at NHSBT including Senior Commissioning Manager and Head of Service Development. She has recently taken on the role of Accountable Executive for the retrieval element of the SCORE programme.

Debbie works collaboratively across the organ donation, retrieval and transplant pathway, driving initiatives to enhance retrieval services to increase the number of transplants. She has provided leadership for the integration of perfusion technologies into retrieval service delivery, including heart donation after circulatory death and abdominal normothermic regional perfusion.

Jessica Jones

Jessica has 15 years experience in health policy, much of which she has spent in fields related to transplantation. She now works at the National Kidney Federation as their Policy and Public Affairs Manager.

Alongside a keen professional interest, Jessica has previously been assessed for a lung transplant, and has experience as a carer for her husband who needed a transplant to survive.

Having been heavily involved in the OUG, as a patient representative and co-chair of a sub-group, she has now gone on to co-chair the ISOU Patient Engagement sub-group and is in the process of undertaking a series of Site Visits to transplant centres across the country.

Peter Hewins

To follow

Nicholas Inston

Dr Nicholas Inston FRCS PhD is a Consultant Surgeon and Clinical Lead for Renal Surgery and Transplantation at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham. He has a specialty interest in the surgery related to kidney diseases. This includes general surgery in patients with renal failure, vascular access for dialysis, polycystic kidney disease, living kidney donation and transplantation. In addition, he is active in clinical research studies and trials on vascular access and transplantation. He is National Clinical Lead for Organ Utilisation (Kidneys) in the UK and current Treasurer of the Vascular Access Society

Laura Stamp

Laura Stamp is the Lead Nurse Recipient Coordinator for NHSBT, representing Recipient Coordinators across the country in the fields of cardiothoracic, liver, renal, pancreas and small bowel transplantation. Her background is in liver transplantation for which she was a Recipient Coordinator and subsequently a Living Donor Coordinator at King's College Hospital, prior to taking on the current role. Her interests lie in workforce sustainability, education and service improvement.

Jo Farrar

Dr Jo Farrar is an experienced public servant and chief executive, who took on the role of CEO of NHS Blood and Transplant in 2023.

Her early career was spent in the Home Office, undertaking work around public service reform. In 2004 Jo moved into leadership roles in local government, working with a number of local authorities in London, Wales and the South West, including the CEO of two councils (Bridgend and Bath).

In 2016 Jo moved took on the role of Director General, Local Government and Public Services, providing oversight of the local government system, race and faith, homelessness; and priority programmes including Troubled Families and the Grenfell Tower response. In 2019 she was promoted to Chief Executive HM Prison and Probation Service, responsible for delivering

prison, probation and youth custody services in England and Wales before becoming the Second Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Justice in March 2021.

Anya Adair

Anya Adair is a Consultant Transplant and HPB Consultant Surgeon at the Royal Infirmary Edinburgh and Honorary Senior Lecturer University of Edinburgh

She is the Lead Liver CLU for NHSBT and Surgical Lead on the Liver Advisory group (LAG).

She sits on the HCC National Panel and co leads the Scottish Hilar bile duct cancer service.

Roderigo Figueiredo

Rodrigo is a consultant transplant surgeon in the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle; and is the local Liver CLU. Prior to this he did a PhD in ex-vivo liver perfusion and did his surgical training in the North East.

Vicky Gerovasili

Dr Vicky Gerovasili, MD, PhD, FRCP

Vicky Gerovasili is a Consultant in Respiratory and Transplant Medicine at Harefield Hospital. She completed her Respiratory Training in the First Critical Care Department of the University of Athens in Greece. She subsequently trained in Interventional Bronchoscopy in Heidelberg in Germany before moving to the UK to complete a Clinical Fellowship in Lung Transplantation. In 2017 she was appointed a Consultant in Respiratory and Transplant Medicine at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham before moving to Harefield in 2019. Alongside her clinical role she also serving as the National Lung Lead for Organ Utilisation within NHS Blood and Transplant.

Vicky Gerovasili is also Honorary Senior Lecturer at Imperial College London and has consistently been involved in research as is evident by her publications (44 publications, 500 citations in the last 5 years, h-index=16). Her research interest is focused on early mobilisation in ICU, rehabilitation in heart and lung disease, endoscopic lung volume reduction as well as reproductive health in cardiothoracic transplantation.

Gareth Jones

To follow

David van Dellen

David van Dellen, the Pancreas lead CLU, is Clinical Director for Nephrology & Transplantation at the Manchester Royal Infirmary and a consultant Transplant and General Surgeon. He has active roles in the renal and pancreas transplantation programmes and delivered the first simultaneous islet and kidney transplant in the UK. He is one of 3 consultants providing the national EPS service from Manchester, the largest service in Europe accepting worldwide referrals. He also provides a tertiary abdominal wall reconstruction service.

He is also currently Head of School for Surgery for NHS England North West and a member of the Specialist Advisory Committee (SAC) for General Surgery as CESR lead.

He has several peer reviewed publications and active research interests in organ donor management, pancreatic transplantation, risk assessment in transplantation, the pathogenesis and surgical management of EPS, and abdominal wall reconstruction. He currently supervises MRC fellows and has numerous grants in transplantation and abdominal wall reconstruction.