

**NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT
ORGAN DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION DIRECTORATE**

BOWEL ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Incidents for Review

A keyword search was performed identifying only five incidents linked to the term "Bowel", four of these revolved around issues such as temporary (and corrected) CMV transcription error, delayed communication about a NORS team returning to base, inadvertent mobilization of a Scout team to a child and an error in listing priority for a renal patient. Thus none were relevant to Bowel or any composite tissue transplants

One Incident did relate, after a fashion to Bowel:

"At a retrieval on 4 November, 2016, it was reported that a late decline of a heart for transplantation impacted on other centres having time to review, accept and organise recipients for transplantation. The donor could not be delayed due to a complex recipient requiring stomach, bowel, pancreas, liver and kidney transplant and due to their transportation arrangements."

We examined in detail the decision making about the heart. It had been declined by Birmingham on function some four hours before the expected arrival of NORS teams, so that had no impact. But it was then considered by GOS, who had both extensive discussions about tissue type and positive antibodies, and also about function. After some further delay, they declined the heart. GOS sent sincere apologies for the delay in retrieval. In the end, the delay appeared to have no major impact on the subsequent transplants

There were no other reports relevant to BAG.

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