INTRODUCTION

Following discussion over the Coroner’s Report at the Spring 2016 National Retrieval Group meeting, it was agreed that Statistics and Clinical Studies would present a summary of Coroner (or Procurator Fiscal) refusal data at each NRG meeting.

RESULTS

Figure 1 shows the number of Coroner refusals (either restricted or full) as a percentage of cases where permission was requested from the Coroner. This number is presented by quarter from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2016. Please note that Coroner involvement differs regionally; in some areas, Organ Donation Services Teams contact the Coroner for consent/authorisation for all potential donors whereas in other areas the Coroner is only approached for permission under certain circumstances.

Figure 1: Percentage of Coroner refusals of those where permission from the Coroner was requested, by quarter