

NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT NATIONAL RETRIEVAL GROUP CORONER REFUSALS

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

