



Department of Health & Social Care

DHSC Update to NHBST Public Board, 20 May 2025

- Budget – 26/27 onwards

No further updates since the April Board – repeated here for ease:

“NHSBT has submitted bids for 26/27, 27/28 and 28/29 (revenue) and for 29/30 for capital, ahead of the June 11th Budget announcement. We will continue to work closely with NHSBT on any follow up questions ahead of then.”

- Implementation Steering Group for Organ Utilisation (ISOU)

The 10th meeting of the ISOU was held on Wednesday 30 April and the subsequent Stakeholder Forum met on 22nd May. As we work through the recommendations, we are looking at the next phase for ISOU and what this might look like as NHSE and DHSC come together.

We held a very successful symposium on 7 May in response to the OUG’s recommendation 6:

“A national transplant workforce template must be developed to provide definitions of the skill mix for an effective, safe and resilient transplant workforce that is fit for current and future demands.”

The session was attended by clinicians, academics and NHS leaders from across the country to discuss what a high-level template should look like to set a positive direction for the transplant workforce. We will now translate key themes from the day into a report to put to ISOU and Ministers ahead of publication.

- Infected Blood Inquiry

The Government’s response to the Infected Blood Inquiry was published on 14 May. This is now available to view at [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)

- Amalgamation of NHS England and DHSC

There is no further update on this since April but DHSC’s Second Permanent Secretary, Tom Riordan continues to meet regularly with leaders of all Arm’s Length Bodies (ALB) to provide updates on this and Government’s wider ALB reform work.