

## **Clinical Lead for Utilisation (Heart) – update to CTAG Meeting October 2024**

### **Meetings**

CLU meetings are scheduled for the next 12 months to allow for planning and representation by all centres. These include organ specific and joint meetings with the lung group as part of the wider Cardiothoracic Community.

#### *National Organ Utilisation Conference*

The NOUC was held in Birmingham in September 2024. This was a great success. There was excellent representation from all organ groups and lively debate with much of it centred around patient engagement. The breakout session provided robust discussion and a number of ideas that will be taken forward by individuals.

### **Projects**

National Organ Utilisation Proforma – there has been excellent engagement from the Cardiothoracic CLU community initiate some in developing this initiative and contributing to the guidance around the structure of OU meetings and individual centres to try and achieve a uniform approach.

CT scanning for donors – ongoing discussions about how best to take this project forward in line with the Donatio Actions Framework.

Local CLUs are working on individual projects within their own units. At the last meeting Hari Doshi (Glasgow) presented some projects which he is working on locally which would have the potential to be rolled out to other centres to try and initiate some collaborative projects from the group.

A request has come from Laura Stamp and Helen Bullock to try and rationalise the number of echo images that are uploaded to Transplant Path so that SNODs are given some guidance as to the most useful images to upload.

### **ORS and HQDs**

After a hiatus in receiving data due to the changeover to Transplant Path, there is a backlog of HQDs to be reviewed. Although centres may receive letters about some historical issues and there may be more letters due to the backlog, I am grateful to Centre Directors for their continued engagement.

A letter will be sent to Centre Directors and the Trust Executive to explain the hiatus and (potentially) larger number of letters that may be received.

### **Funding**

Funding is currently available for local CLUs on a non-recurrent basis.

## **CLU Survey**

A digital survey was conducted June/July 2024 for all local CLU groups. The results have been analysed and a meeting to discuss the outputs is planned for the end of the year.