

National Organ Utilisation Conference 2025**Speaker, Chair and Panel Member Bio's****Chris Callaghan**

'Chris is a consultant transplant surgeon at Guy's Hospital, London, and is also a member of the transplant teams at Great Ormond Street Hospital and the Evelina London Children's Hospital. He graduated from the University of Otago, New Zealand, before completing a PhD in transplant immunology at the University of Cambridge. After training in multi-organ abdominal transplant surgery at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, he was appointed as a consultant at Guy's in 2012. Chris is the NHS Blood Transplant associate medical director for abdominal organ utilisation, and has clinical and research interests in the use of higher risk deceased donor organs, and in the use of warm machine perfusion in organ transplantation.'

Derek Manas

Professor Manas graduated from the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1980 and completed his surgical training at Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town. He subsequently completed fellowships at Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, USA), and Paul-Brousse Hospital (Paris). In 1993, he was the recipient of the CJ Adams/Sandoz Traveling Fellowship to the UK. In 1994, he joined the Newcastle upon Tyne NHS trust (Freeman Hospital) as consultant in hepatobiliary and transplantation surgery. He became Director of Transplantation in 1998 and in 2007, attained a personal chair in Transplantation at Newcastle University. He was instrumental in developing three super-regionally funded transplant programmes (for liver, pancreas and pancreatic islets) in the Northeast of England. He established a number of regional cancers services (HPB and abdominal sarcomas) as well as establishing 'The Northern Intestinal Failure Service'. He founded the first integrated Institute of Transplantation in the UK, which he led as Director, for 10 years. In addition to being a past president of the British Transplantation Society (BTS), he has also been past Chair of the British Liver Transplant Group (BLTG), chair and founder of the BTS Transplant surgeon's chapter, deputy chair of the Liver Advisory Group and deputy chair of the HPB/Medicine CRG. He was Associate medical director for Governance at OTDT and is the current Medical Director of NHSBT (OTDT). He is a member of many national and international societies and a National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) technology adviser. He has an

extensive research portfolio with many research interests including novel markers for early detection of hepatocellular (HCC) and cholangiocarcinoma, ablation techniques for treating liver tumours, liver transplantation for cancer, radio-embolization in the management of HCC and colorectal liver metastases and irreversible electroporation (IRE) for the treatment of pancreatic carcinoma. He has published over 300 peer review publications, eight book chapters, and co-edited two books on liver tumours. He is a regular reviewer for numerous journals.

Jennifer Mehew

I joined NHSBT as a principal statistician in 2013 and have spent time as lead statistician for cardiothoracic transplantation, BTRU research, organ utilisation, ROFG and RINTAG as well as working as trial statistician in a number of clinical trials. I have a PhD in Applied Statistics from the University of Reading and am a busy mum of three having recently moved back to my hometown of Cornwall. I am passionate about making statistics accessible and interpretable and am keen to promote the subject within younger generations.

Adnan Sharif

Professor Adnan Sharif is a Consultant Nephrologist & Transplant Physician working at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham and Honorary Professor in the School of Infection, Inflammation and Immunology at the University of Birmingham. He has an active research focus with >200 peer-reviewed publications and is currently Chief Investigator on several studies including ARTIST, which is exploring decision making under risk and/or uncertainty in transplantation. He is on the Board of Trustees for Give A Kidney and the Global Kidney Foundation, is EDI Councilor for the British Transplantation Society Council, is a DESCaRTES member for the European Renal Association and is Co-Director of the UK Organ Donation and Transplant Research Network.

In addition to his clinical and research interests, he is the Secretary of the non-Government Organization Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting (DAFOH) and Chair of the Organ Trade & Trafficking working group for ELPAT.

Laura Stamp

Laura Stamp is the Lead Nurse Recipient Coordinator for NHSBT, representing Recipient Coordinators across the country in the fields of cardiothoracic, liver, renal, pancreas and small bowel transplantation. Her background is in liver transplantation for which she was a Recipient Coordinator and subsequently a Living Donor Coordinator at King's College Hospital, prior to taking on the current role. Her interests lie in workforce sustainability, education and improving transplant service delivery.

Saif Al Nahhas

Saif is a retired Emergency Medicine Consultant who specialised in Paediatric Emergency Care. He served in this role at the Royal United Hospital in Bath, from 2019 to 2023. In 2023, Saif received a heart transplant - an experience that has deepened his appreciation for the science and humanity behind transplantation. Now, beyond his years of clinical work, he is passionate about improving the use and understanding of organ transplantation for the benefit of patients and medical professionals alike. His story bridges the perspective of a physician and a recipient, reminding us that every transplant is not only a procedure, but a second chance at life.

Amit Adlakha

Amit is a Consultant Intensivist at the Royal Free Hospital, London, and an Honorary Consultant Lung Transplant Physician at University Hospitals Birmingham. He is a clinical lead for lung utilisation within NHSBT and current chair of the UK Association of Lung Transplant Physicians. His professional interests are donor optimisation on the ITU and infectious complications in the immunocompromised host.

Thomas Billyard

To follow

Alan Sweeney

Alan has been a consultant at Newcastle Hospitals for 18 years now, specialising in neurosurgical and trauma anaesthesia and critical care. Initially appointed as the local CLOD in 2015, Alan is now the RCLOD for Northern. Alan's main areas of interest within organ donation are donor maintenance and communication with families. Alan led on the bundle

redesign in 2020 and part of a group looking at the evidence behind the interventions we currently perform to ensure we optimise our patients in the hope of successful outcomes within transplantation.

Sarah Mason

Sarah is a National Professional Development Specialist Nurse at NHS blood and Transplant. Her focus is on donor management and optimisation. Sarah has designed, developed and delivered on numerous programmes of learning for Specialist Nurses in Organ Donation and Advanced Critical Care Practitioners on Donor Management and Optimisation. Sarah has pioneered a Community of Practice for physiotherapists in the UK, fostering collaboration and shared learning. Her work bridges clinical excellence and professional development driving innovation in donor care. Passionate about empowering healthcare professionals, Sarah brings deep expertise and a commitment to continuous improvement in organ donation practice.

Sanjay Sinha

To follow

Andrew Morely-Smith

Andy is a transplant cardiologist at Harefield, working in the multidisciplinary team managing our advanced heart failure, heart transplantation, and mechanical circulatory support service. Outside Andy's core clinical work he is a lead heart CLU in NHSBT, and chair of the advanced heart failure and transplantation network within the International Society of Heart and Lung Transplantation.

Vicky Gerovasili

Dr Vicky Gerovasili, MD, PhD, FRCP

Vicky Gerovasili is a Consultant in Respiratory and Transplant Medicine at Harefield Hospital and is the current co-Director of the Cardiothoracic Transplant Department at Harefield Hospital. Vicky completed her Respiratory Training in the First Critical Care Department of the University of Athens in Greece. She subsequently completed a Clinical Fellowship in

Interventional Bronchoscopy in Heidelberg, Germany before moving to the UK to complete a Clinical Fellowship in Lung Transplantation. In 2017 she was appointed a Consultant in Respiratory and Transplant Medicine at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham before moving to Harefield in 2019. Alongside her clinical role she is also the National Cardiothoracic Lead CLU and Lead Lung CLU within NHS Blood and Transplant.

Vicky Gerovasili is also Honorary Senior Lecturer at Imperial College London and has consistently been involved in research as is evident by her publications (48 publications, 1431 citations in the last 5 years, h-index=26). Her research interest is focused on early mobilisation in ICU, rehabilitation in heart and lung disease, endoscopic lung volume reduction as well as reproductive health in cardiothoracic transplantation.

Anya Adair

Anya Adair is a Consultant Transplant and HPB Consultant Surgeon at the Royal Infirmary Edinburgh and Honorary Senior Lecturer University of Edinburgh

She is the Lead Liver CLU for NHSBT and Surgical Lead on the Liver Advisory group (LAG).

She sits on the HCC National Panel and co leads the Scottish Hilar bile duct cancer service.

Carrie Scuffell

Carrie's nursing career began at Leeds General Infirmary in 2001 and in 2006 she moved to the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle where she became a ward sister on the kidney and pancreas transplant ward. She remained a sister as the institute of transplantation was opened in 2012, bringing together both abdominal and cardiothoracic transplant recipients on one ward. Carrie went on to work as a transplant nurse practitioner and later became the Lead nurse for enhanced recovery in transplantation, implementing ERAS programmes for kidney and liver transplant recipients in Newcastle. In 2024 Carrie began a national role with NHSBT as transplant development manager. She has a number of roles within OTDT including, ERAS in transplantation, Environmental sustainability in transplantation (ESIT) and as part of the Organ Utilisation Development Team (OUDT).

Shazia Shabir

Dr Shazia Shabir is a Consultant Nephrologist with over ten years of experience in the management of acute and chronic kidney diseases, dialysis and kidney transplantation. She

completed her medical degree at University of Liverpool and her specialist nephrology training at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham.

Her clinical interests include immune mediated injury in kidney transplantation, high immune risk transplantation, increasing equity to transplantation through local, regional and national collaborations. She is invested in medical student education, multidisciplinary care and improving long-term outcomes for kidney transplant patients. Dr Shabir is a long-standing volunteer and Trustee for Transplant Links Community, a charity organisation focused on developing sustainable kidney transplant programmes in low to middle income countries.

Rachel Thomas

Rachel Thomas is a Consultant kidney/pancreas transplant and retrieval surgeon working in Edinburgh Transplant Centre. Rachel trained in Edinburgh and Glasgow transplant units, completing her post-CCT pancreas transplant fellowship in Oxford Transplant Unit. In addition, Rachel is also a live donor recipient surgeon and actively involved in Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) programmes and currently co-leading NHSBT ERAS for Pancreas Transplant Working Group. She sits on EKITA board in ESOT.

Rachel ran the HOT Study (Heme-Oxygenase-1 in renal Transplant) protecting renal transplants from inevitable ischaemic injury and is now investigating the impact of NRP retrieval on the kidney transcriptome via a multicentre collaborative study funded by the University of Oxford and Edinburgh Transplant Fund. Rachel also teaches on Edinburgh NRP Masterclass, supporting global NRP training.

James Hunter

To follow

David Nasralla

David Nasralla is the clinical co-lead for HPB and Liver Transplant Surgery at the Royal Free Hospital, London, and also the NHSBT Liver ARC Lead. He is an expert in novel liver preservation techniques having completed seminal research in this area during his DPhil under Peter Friend at Oxford University. He continues to be actively involved in machine perfusion research and is a member of several national and international expert consensus panels on this topic.

Andrew Fisher

ANDREW FISHER is Professor of Respiratory Transplant Medicine at Newcastle University and a Consultant Transplant Physician at Freeman Hospital, Newcastle Upon Tyne. He is Co-Director of the NIHR Blood and Transplant Research Unit in Organ Donation and Transplantation and his clinical and research interests are in severe lung disease and lung transplantation, and he leads a research group focused on understanding mechanisms of lung injury in donor lungs and after lung transplantation. In 2024 he co-authored an invited comprehensive review of Lung Transplantation in the New England Journal of Medicine. He is a Past President of the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation. He has extensive clinical and research experience with ex-vivo lung perfusion and is currently the National Clinical Lead for the NHSBT Lung ARC programme.

Julie Whitney

Julie Whitney is a highly experienced nurse with over 25 years in the NHS and 18 years in organ donation and transplantation. Beginning her journey as a Specialist Nurse in Organ Donation (SNOD & TM in London), she developed strong clinical credibility through direct involvement in donor assessment, family discussions, and coordination of transplant pathways.

For the past five years, Julie has led the ODT Hub Team, overseeing national recipient registration, organ offering and allocation, and all follow-up processes.

Within the SCORE programme, Julie plays a central role in shaping how offering processes evolve. She leads on identifying improvements, developing proposals, and ensuring safe, operational delivery. Her extensive clinical and operational expertise ensures that changes support programme objectives while meeting the evolving needs of transplant services.

Anthony Clarkson

NHS Blood and Transplant - Director of Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation

A Registered Nurse with over 30 years' NHS experience Anthony is a transformational leader who has held a number of leadership roles across the organisation, including leading the creation of NHSBT as the UK's Organ Donation Organisation. In 2018 Anthony was awarded

HSJ Clinical Leader of the Year, and he was made a Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing in 2020 for his role in Nursing Leadership.

Nicholas Inston

Dr Nicholas Inston FRCS PhD is a Consultant Surgeon and Clinical Lead for Renal Surgery and Transplantation at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham. He has a specialty interest in the surgery related to kidney diseases. This includes general surgery in patients with renal failure, vascular access for dialysis, polycystic kidney disease, living kidney donation and transplantation. In addition, he is active in clinical research studies and trials on vascular access and transplantation. He is National Clinical Lead for Organ Utilisation (Kidneys) in the UK and current Treasurer of the Vascular Access Society.