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UK Living Donor Liver Transplantation (LDLT) Network Newsletter

INTRODUCTION

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the first edition of the UK LDLT Network Newsletter.

It is nearly a year since we Co-Chaired the inaugural meeting of the UK Living Donor Liver Transplantation (LDLT) Network in Leeds last May. We were delighted with the overall attendance, the number of centres represented and the positive feedback from attendees at that meeting. The opportunity to discuss and debate issues related to LDLT was well received and helped the LDLT Project Board to inform the processes that were taken forward to support the adult-to-adult LDLT proctored programme, launched in June 2024.

We are delighted to announce our **second annual UK LDLT Meeting**, which will be held in **Novotel, York on Tuesday 16th September 2025**. The programme will be distributed alongside this newsletter.

This is an opportunity to reflect on the progress of the UK LDLT programme, highlight new developments and share knowledge and expertise through case-based clinical MDT discussions with the Proctor Team. Building on the successful joint British Transplantation Society- International Liver Transplantation Society (BTS-ILTS) meeting in London in November, we have invited international experts to join our faculty remotely to discuss ways in which the UK programme could be enhanced and expanded.

Please 'Save the Date' in your diaries and forward this Newsletter to other colleagues within your teams who may wish to attend. Registration will open next month via email and is free, sponsored by NHSBT and Industry partners). Please provide your own travel and accommodation.

We look forward to seeing you in York in September

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'Save the Dates'

ILTS Congress, 28th –31st May 2025, Singapore

ESOT Congress, 29th June – 2nd July 2025, London

UK LDLT Network Meeting, Tuesday 16th September 2025, Novotel, York

BASL (8th-10th October 2025) BLTG (7th-8th October 2025), Belfast

Resources available from NHSBT:

Activity and centre specific reports: <https://www.odt.nhs.uk/statistics-and-reports/>

Living Donation:

Professional resources: <https://www.odt.nhs.uk/living-donation/>

LDLT Project and Proctor Team:

<https://www.odt.nhs.uk/living-donation/living-donor-liver-transplantation/>

LDLT Network – Terms of Reference, Meetings and Newsletters

<https://www.odt.nhs.uk/living-donation/uk-living-donor-liver-transplantation-network/>

Donor information: <https://www.organdonation.nhs.uk/become-a-living-donor/>

Recipient information: <https://www.odt.nhs.uk/information-for-patients/>

Promotional materials: <https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/how-you-can-help/get-involved/living-organ-donation-materials/>

Writing to living donors: www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/writing-to-your-living-donor

Donor-recipient information/organisations:

The British Liver Trust (BLT): <https://britishlivertrust.org.uk/>

LIVER NORTH: <http://www.livernorth.org.uk/>

Professional Societies and other organisations:

British Transplantation Society (BTS): <https://bts.org.uk/>

British Association for Studies of the Liver -British Liver Transplantation Group (BASL-BLTG)

<https://www.basl.org.uk/index.cfm/content/page/cid/5>

NHS England: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

Human Tissue Authority: <https://www.hta.gov.uk/>

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