

**NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT  
ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION DIRECTORATE  
CARDIOTHORACIC ADVISORY GROUP – HEARTS MEETING**

**ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM OR BEFORE  
CTAG HEARTS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH 2025**

Action No. & Agenda Item	Details	Owner	Target Date	Progress Update	Status
<b>AP1</b> Item 2.2.1	<u>CTAG Patients Routine Blood Monitoring Report</u> – A shared monitoring agreement with GP practices and follow up of patients is still requested as an improvement to this service. This remains on the agenda for CT Centre Directors' meetings.	<b>Centre Directors</b>	<b>Autumn 2025</b>	<b>T Courtney attended CT Centre Directors' meeting in July 2025.</b>	<b>COMPLETE</b>
<b>AP2</b> Item 2.2.2	<u>CAV</u> – Due to insufficient national evidence currently to guide best practice and the availability of local guidance only, S Lim will be asked to reconvene a further meeting to plan a consensus statement to present to the Transformation Programme.	<b>S Lim</b>	<b>Autumn 2025</b>	<b>S Lim to feed into the Transformation Programme</b>	<b>COMPLETE</b>
<b>AP3</b> Item 2.2.7	<u>SU Heart Data Review</u> – A fixed term working group with representation from all centres will continue to look at centres' data to decide on future steps.	<b>S Lim / S Rushton</b>	<b>Autumn 2025</b>	<b>On agenda</b>	<b>COMPLETE</b>
<b>AP4</b> Item 4.3	<u>CUSUM Monitoring of 90-day outcomes following heart transplantation</u> – <b>CTAGH(25)02</b> – Since the Autumn 2024 CTAG Hearts meeting, there has been 1 signal against the centre's specific rate at Papworth. This is now closed. S Pettit offered to share Papworth's report with interested CTAG members.	<b>S Pettit</b>	<b>Autumn 2025</b>		<b>COMPLETE</b>

<b>AP5</b> Item 4.4	<u>Updating baseline period for CUSUM</u> - S Rushton to check paediatric failure rate across different baseline periods to determine whether the 2020-2023 rate is particularly high. S Rushton to also confirm whether the limit should be lowered to 1.5 for paediatric charts or not. Results to be circulated to all CTAG-Heart members with a 2-week window for comments.	<b>S Rushton</b>	<b>Autumn 2025</b>		<b>COMPLETE</b>
<b>AP6</b> Item 6.1	<u>Sustainability and Certainty in Organ Retrieval (SCORE)</u> - D Macklam will arrange a 2-hour interactive session on Teams in the next 2 months to bring all up to date and to look at any challenges centres have.	<b>D Macklam</b>	<b>Autumn 2025</b>		<b>COMPLETE</b>
<b>AP7</b> Item 8.3	<u>CT ICE Phase 2 Survey results</u> - R Burns stated that there is a feeling that the infographics in the survey which came from NHSBT are poor. As many patients live long distances from centres, it will not always be possible to go through this with a clinician face to face and more needs to be done to ensure that information is available only. A Ranasinghe and R Burns will look at this together.	<b>A Ranasinghe / R Burns</b>	<b>Autumn 2025</b>		<b>ONGOING</b>
<b>AP8</b> Item 10.1	<u>Super Urgent Heart Data review</u> - All potential SU patients will be adjudicated to ensure a timely response and equitable access to transplantation. J Whitney to work on an urgent communication to centres to be cascaded to all relevant colleagues. A further meeting of the SU group will take place in near future.	<b>J Whitney</b>	<b>Autumn 2025</b>		<b>COMPLETE</b>
<b>AP9</b> Item 10.2	<u>Paediatric Heart Allocation</u> – Following concerns about paediatric priority in the current heart allocation sequence. A FTWG will be convened to be chaired by S Pettit. Membership to be from all transplant centres, HUB and Stats team.	<b>S Pettit</b>	<b>Autumn 2025</b>		<b>COMPLETE</b>
<b>AP10</b> Item 11.2	<u>Paediatric survival from listing</u> – The paper circulated at the meeting was preliminary. S Rushton would like feedback on the methodology. A second iteration will go to the Autumn CTAG meeting. S Rushton to email J Simmonds and M Nassar regarding the methodology.	<b>S Rushton</b>	<b>Autumn 2025</b>	<b>Limitations in methodology are acknowledged and there is no requirement for a 2<sup>nd</sup> iteration.</b>	<b>COMPLETE</b>

<b>AP11</b> Item 11.3	<u>Adjudication Panel Activity</u> – It was noted that it would be good to have the outcome of those who are turned down by the adjudication panel, but NHSBT don't hold this information. M Nassar to work with other centres to find this out.	<b>M Nassar</b>	<b>Autumn 2025</b>		<b>ONGOING</b>
<b>AP12</b> Item 12.5	<u>Workplan update</u> – A Ranasinghe to update the workplan for circulation to the group.	<b>A Ranasinghe</b>	<b>Autumn 2025</b>	<b>On agenda for ratification from CTAG Hearts members</b>	<b>ONGOING</b>