

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
AP1 Item 2.2.1	CTAG Patients Routine Blood Monitoring Report – 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.	Centre Directors	Autumn 2025	T Courtney attended CT Centre Directors' meeting in July 2025.	COMPLETE
AP2 Item 2.2.2	CAV – 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.	S Lim	Autumn 2025	S Lim to feed into the Transformation Programme	COMPLETE
AP3 Item 2.2.7	SU Heart Data Review – A fixed term working group with representation from all centres will continue to look at centres' data to decide on future steps.	S Lim / S Rushton	Autumn 2025	On agenda	COMPLETE
AP4 Item 4.3	CUSUM Monitoring of 90-day outcomes following heart transplantation – CTAGH(25)02 – 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.	S Pettit	Autumn 2025		COMPLETE

AP5 Item 4.4	Updating baseline period for CUSUM - 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 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.	S Rushton	Autumn 2025		COMPLETE
AP6 Item 6.1	Sustainability and Certainty in Organ Retrieval (SCORE) - 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.	D Macklam	Autumn 2025		COMPLETE
AP7 Item 8.3	CT ICE Phase 2 Survey results - 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.	A Ranasinghe / R Burns	Autumn 2025		ONGOING
AP8 Item 10.1	Super Urgent Heart Data review - 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.	J Whitney	Autumn 2025		COMPLETE
AP9 Item 10.2	Paediatric Heart Allocation – 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.	S Pettit	Autumn 2025		COMPLETE
AP10 Item 11.2	Paediatric survival from listing – 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.	S Rushton	Autumn 2025	Limitations in methodology are acknowledged and there is no requirement for a 2nd iteration.	COMPLETE

AP11 Item 11.3	Adjudication Panel Activity – 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.	M Nassar	Autumn 2025		ONGOING
AP12 Item 12.5	<u>Workplan update</u> – A Ranasinghe to update the workplan for circulation to the group.	A Ranasinghe	Autumn 2025	On agenda for ratification from CTAG Hearts members	ONGOING