

# NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT

## LIVER ADVISORY GROUP

### PRIORITISED PAEDIATRIC TIER

- 1 A process to formally prioritise clinically deteriorating paediatric paediatrics was successfully introduced in October 2020. The process is shown in **Appendix A** and is also on the ODT website (<https://www.odt.nhs.uk/transplantation/tools-policies-and-guidance/policies-and-guidance/>). Transplant centres are responsible for ensuring patients meet the eligibility criteria and deciding whether the patient should be removed from the waiting list.
- 2 As at 11 May 2026, there have been 70 appeals for paediatric transplants resulting in 64 prioritisations. One patient was 17 years old at time of registration and prioritisation. Five appeals were not accepted, and one patient received a transplant prior to a response to the appeal.
- 3 62 of the 64 prioritised patients received a transplant. One other patient was removed for super-urgent listing and died on the list, and another was removed due to condition deteriorating.
- 4 Prioritised paediatric patients waited a median of 7 days (IQR: 4,14.5) from prioritisation for a liver transplant. The minimum waiting time was 1 day and maximum waiting time was 246 days. Note that patients who were registered for an intestinal transplant prior to prioritisation on the liver transplant list are included.

**Table 1 Summary of appeals for paediatric prioritisation as at 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

| Centre                                                                                                                                                                             | Number referred | Number accepted | Number transplanted | Number reregistered | Number retransplanted |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Birmingham                                                                                                                                                                         | 19              | 19              | 19                  | 2                   | 2                     |
| King's College                                                                                                                                                                     | 35              | 29 <sup>1</sup> | 27                  | 2                   | 0                     |
| Leeds                                                                                                                                                                              | 16              | 16              | 16 <sup>2</sup>     | 1 <sup>3</sup>      | 0                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                    |                 |                 |                     |                     |                       |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>70</b>       | <b>64</b>       | <b>62</b>           | <b>5</b>            | <b>2</b>              |
| <sup>1</sup> One referred patient was transplanted prior to agreement<br><sup>2</sup> Five patients received living donor transplants<br><sup>3</sup> One patient currently active |                 |                 |                     |                     |                       |