

NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT

LIVER ADVISORY GROUP

NHS GROUP 2 AND NON-UK RESIDENT EU NHS GROUP 1 PATIENT TRANSPLANTS

LAY SUMMARY

Patients needing a transplant in the UK are placed into different groups depending on their eligibility for NHS care. Group 1 patients are eligible for NHS treatment, while Group 2 patients are not. This paper reports on liver transplants performed during 2025/26 for Group 2 patients, as well as for Group 1 patients who live outside the UK in EU countries and had access to UK liver transplant services.

BACKGROUND

- 1 This paper reports on liver transplants performed in NHS Group 2 patients and liver transplants performed in NHS Group 1 non-UK resident EU patients, between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026.

METHODS

- 2 Data on all NHS Group 2 patients and all NHS Group 1 non-UK resident EU patients, who received a liver transplant in the UK between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026, were obtained from the UK Transplant Registry (UKTR), held by NHSBT.

RESULTS

Group 2 transplants

- 3 **Table 1** summarises Group 2 liver transplants by transplant centre, transplant type and donor type from 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026. Details can be provided on request.

Table 1 Group 2 patient liver transplants in the UK, 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026					
Transplant centre	Transplant type	Donor type			Total
		DBD	DCD	Living	
King's College	Reduced	0	0	8	8
London Bridge	Reduced	0	0	3	3
TOTAL		0	0	11	11

DBD=Donors after brain death; DCD=Donors after circulatory death

- 4 There were no Group 2 deceased donor liver transplants performed in the UK between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026.

Group 1 non-UK resident EU patient transplants

- 5 There was one Group 1 non-UK resident EU patient liver transplant performed in the UK between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026. This transplant was a DCD reduced liver at King's College.

SUMMARY

- 6 Overall, there were eleven Group 2 patient living donor liver transplants and one Group 1 non-UK resident EU patient deceased donor liver transplant in the period.

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