

National Organ Utilisation Conference 2026

Organ Utilisation in a Changing Landscape

Tuesday 3rd November 2026

Novotel Sheffield Centre,

50 Arundel Gate, Sheffield, S1 2PR

09:30-10:00 Tea / Coffee and Networking

Morning Session: Chairs Vicky Gerovasili / Nick Inston

10:00-10:15	Welcome and Introduction Setting the scene for the day	Vicky Gerovasili (Co-Lead Organ Utilisation - CT, NHSBT) Nick Inston (Co-Lead Organ Utilisation - Abdo, NHSBT)
10:15-10:45	Update from the Organ Utilisation Stats Team	Jenny Mehew (Principal Statistician, NHSBT)
10:45-11:15	Neurological Death Testing 'Challenges and Myths'	Alan Sweeney (Regional CLOD (Northern), NHSBT) Alison Ingham (Regional CLOD (Northwest), NHSBT)
11:15-11:45	Organ Specific Breakout Groups: - Q1 How does the changing landscape impact your organ group? - Q2 How can you address identified challenges?	Andrew Morley-Smith (Clinical Lead Utilisation - Heart, NHSBT) Nick Barnett (Clinical Lead Utilisation – Kidney, NHSBT) Rod Figueiredo (Clinical Lead Utilisation - Liver, NHSBT) Amit Adlakha (Clinical Lead Utilisation – Lung, NHSBT) Simon Knight (Clinical Lead Utilisation – Pancreas, NHSBT)
11:45-12:30	Whole Group Discussion	

12:30-13:30 Lunch and Networking

Early Afternoon Session: Chairs Derek Manas and John Casey

13:30-14:30	How do we Improve Confidence in OU?	Chris Callaghan (Pancreas Advisory Group (PAG) Chair, NHSBT) Guy MacGowan (Centre Director and Transplant Cardiologist, Freeman Hospital) Rachel Summers (Renal Transplant Coordinator, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust) Anna Reed (Cardiothoracic Advisory Group (CTAG) Lungs Chair, NHSBT) Gareth Jones (Kidney Advisory Group (KAG) Chair, NHSBT) Varuna Aluvihare (Liver Advisory Group (LAG) Chair, NHSBT)
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14:30-14:40 Comfort Break

Late Afternoon Session: Chairs Derek Manas and John Casey

14:40-15:40	Organ Specific Workshop Discussion
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15:40-16:00	Wrap up and Conclusions	Derek Manas
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Derek Manas
(Medical Director, OTDT, NHSBT)

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