

**NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT  
ORGAN DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION DIRECTORATE**

**KIDNEY ADVISORY GROUP**

**NHS GROUP 2 PATIENTS ON THE KIDNEY TRANSPLANT WAITING LIST**

**INTRODUCTION**

- 1 This paper reports on NHS Group 2 deceased donor kidney transplants performed in the UK between 1 April 2010 and 31 March 2017 and NHS Group 2 patients registered on the kidney transplant list as at 31 March 2017.
- 2 An NHS Group 2 patient includes:
  - a. Persons ordinarily resident outside of the UK who do not qualify for NHS treatment under the NHS Act
  - b. Persons not entitled under reciprocal health agreements to medical treatment in the UK
  - c. Persons not entitled under bilateral reciprocal health agreements
- 3 An NHS Group 2 patient has to be registered by a consultant as suitable for treatment to be placed on the waiting list. The Department of Health Directions (issued by the secretary of State for Health) specify that a person in NHS Group 2 cannot receive an organ if there is a clinically suitable person in NHS Group 1.

**RESULTS**

- 4 There has been 1 NHS Group 2 deceased donor kidney transplant performed in the UK between 1 April 2010 and 31 March 2017.
- 5 Both kidneys from a DBD donor aged 65 were offered to patients on the kidney waiting list and were accepted at Oxford for two NHS Group 1 patients. It was reported to the Duty Office that a frozen section of the kidneys was performed and a pathological lesion that was not completely resected was found. Both kidneys were then declined by the centre accepting initially; they were entered into the Fast Track scheme.
- 6 Cambridge, Newcastle, Cardiff, Leeds and Liverpool declined the fast track offer of the kidneys, Royal Free and Guy's said they would accept only the right kidney and Manchester said they would accept either the left or the right kidney. The right kidney was transplanted into an NHS Group 1 patient in Guy's as the highest centre on the matching run and the left kidney was sent to Manchester, the only centre that accepted it, and was transplanted into an NHS Group 2 patient.
- 7 There are 10 NHS Group 2 patients actively waiting for a kidney only transplant in the UK. All 10 patients are registered at one transplant centre. All 10 patients are on dialysis and have been waiting between 6 and 1530 days.

**ACTION**

- 8 Members are asked to review the data presented and make any recommendations that they feel are appropriate.