

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

NATIONAL RETRIEVAL GROUP

DCD heart retrieval

- a. The business case that NHSBT submitted to the four UK Health Departments to support substantive funding of a UK wide DCD Heart Retrieval Service was unsuccessful. The NHS will continue, for this year (2017/18), to cover the cost of donation, referral, retrieval by NORS team, transport and the transplant costs for those teams who have already secured alternative funds to pay for other additional cost.
- b. The Cardiothoracic Transplant Patients Group has informed NHSBT that they intend to raise their concern with Members of Parliament that the DCD heart retrieval business case has been turned down for funding.
- c. Manchester has commenced DCD heart retrievals and attended 3 DCD heart donors, proctored by Papworth staff as agreed. All 3 DCD hearts were retrieved onto the OCS: 2 were transplanted but 1 was discarded due to borderline function and rising lactate.
- d. Total UK DCD heart transplant activity as of 30 June 2017 = 37
 - i. Harefield n= 6
 - ii. Manchester n= 2
 - iii. Papworth n=29

**Steven Tsui
CTAG Chair
30 June 2017**