

NHS Blood and Transplant

Transplant Policy Review Committee

Annual Report 2016/2017

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The Transplant Policy Review Committee has prepared this report to the NHSBT Board in order to demonstrate how the Committee has satisfied its terms of reference during 2016/2017.

2 CONSTITUTION

The Transplant Policy Review Committee was established by the NHSBT Board to act on behalf of the Board to review and approve (where appropriate) all policies relating to selection and allocation policies relating to organ transplantation and those initiatives that have a significant impact on organ donation and transplantation. The Committee is an executive committee of the Board but has no executive powers other than those specifically delegated to it in the terms of reference.

3 OVERVIEW

The duties of the Transplant Policy Review Committee are:

- To consider and approve, on behalf of the Board, those policies and standards developed by the solid organ Advisory Groups, the National Organ Donation Committee, the National Retrieval Group, and the Research, Innovation & Novel Technologies Advisory Group, and which relate to potential organ donor selection, organ donor management, patient selection and organ allocation.
- To ensure that the policies meet all legal, regulatory and ethical requirements and standards

4 MEMBERSHIP

The Transplant Policy Review Committee membership in respect of the financial year 2016/2017 was:

Mr Jeremy Monroe	Non-executive Director (Chair)
Dr Christine Costello	Non-executive Director (until June 2016)
Prof Paresh Vyas	Non-executive Director (from June 2016)
Prof John Forsythe	Associate Medical Director, ODT (Secretary)
Ms Sally Johnson	Director ODT
Prof John Dark	National Clinical Lead for Governance
Dr Lorna Williamson	Medical and Research Director (until July 2016)
Dr Gail Mifflin	Medical and Research Director (from July 2016)
Mr John Casey	Chair, Pancreas Advisory Group
Prof Peter Friend	Chair, Multi-visceral & Composite Tissue Advisory Group
Dr Paul Murphy	Chair, National Organ Donation Committee
Prof John O'Grady	Chair, Liver Advisory Group
Prof Rutger Ploeg	Chair, National Retrieval Group
Mr Derek Tole	Chair, Ocular Tissue Advisory Group
Mr Steven Tsui	Chair, Cardiothoracic Advisory Group

Prof Chris Watson
Mr Gabriel Oniscu

Chair, Kidney Advisory Group
Chair, Research, Innovation & Novel Technologies
Advisory Group

5 COMPLIANCE WITH TERMS OF REFERENCE

Formal meetings of the Transplant Policy Review Committee were held on:

12th July 2016 - Meeting was quorate
11th April 2017 - Meeting was not quorate – following the meeting the missing ‘Accountable Members’ endorsed the decisions made by the Committee

6 DUTIES AND FINDINGS

Over the meetings held during 2016/2017, the following matters were discussed and appropriate decisions taken by the Committee:

- Revised TPRC Terms of Reference to include consideration of policies for RINTAG

The Committee reviewed and approved amendments to the following policies which are accessible at www.odt.nhs.uk

- Pancreas Selection Policy
- Pancreas Allocation Policy
- Kidney Allocation Policy
- Lung: Organ Allocation Policy
- Heart: Organ Allocation Policy
- Intestinal Allocation Policy
- Lung: Patient Selection Policy
- Heart: Patient Selection policy
- Allocation of Research Organs
- Liver: Patient Selection Policy
- Clinical Contraindications to approaching families for possible organ donation
- Introduction to Patient Selection and Organ Allocation Policies

The Committee also:

- Considered and approved a proposal for the allocation of cardiothoracic donor organs to patients who urgently require a heart-lung block.
- Requested that all organ selection and allocation policies be revisited to look at the clinical justification for using age criteria when defining paediatric and adult donors/recipients and when prioritising organs for paediatric or adolescent patients.
- Approved the principles behind the changes to the Liver Offering Scheme.
- Noted work to obtain clarification from the UK Health Departments regarding organ retrieval from donors who are pregnant, together with actions subsequently taken by NHSBT.

7 WORKPLAN 2017/2018

The Committee will meet at least six monthly and will follow a standard agenda as per the meetings in 2016/2017.

8 CONCLUSION

The Transplant Policy Review Committee has complied with its terms of reference during 2016/2017.

Jeremy Monroe
Chair of the Transplant Policy Review Committee

July 2017