

ODT Medical Director's Communication



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Dear Colleagues

BTS Brighton 2018

I was delighted to see so many people, from across the whole spectrum of Organ Donation and Transplantation, at the recent BTS conference. By common consent, the NHSBT sessions were of a very high standard – these were the opening session and a separate parallel symposium on Quality in Organ Donation and Transplantation. All speakers were top rate.

I'm sure those present had their own highlights but I enjoyed all the talks from the Stats team in the NHSBT session, the descriptions of the new offering schemes for Kidney and Liver, by Lisa Mumford and John O'Grady respectively and the invited lecture by Corinne Antoine from the Agence Biomedecine in France. It was fascinating to see how French colleagues deal with DCD, not least the fact that nearly all donors have a whole-body CT scan and when liver retrieval is likely to occur in a DCD setting, the French liver transplant colleagues have agreed that Normothermic Regional Perfusion must be performed.

All of these presentations are available on the YouTube NHSBT channel links below.

I know that all of you are very busy but I would encourage you to have a look at one or two of the presentations (at least). Even if you were there and saw the presentations, I am sure you would agree that they were often packed full of information and a "rerun" is always valuable.

Rachel Johnson opens the BTS Annual Congress 2018 with an overview of Organ Donation and Transplantation

<https://youtu.be/WjrZEY1rQQ>

Sally Rushton presents recent developments in cardiothoracic transplantation at the BTS Annual Congress

<https://youtu.be/8zvnlo35pDM>

Lisa Mumford presents the proposed new kidney offering scheme in the UK at the BTS Congress

<https://youtu.be/iOyeGPh85K0>

Chris Callaghan provides an update on the progress of the Organ Utilisation strategy

<https://youtu.be/HZY415dXi8s>

Kate Martin presents at the BTS Annual Congress 2018 the current activity of NORS team and the length of the retrieval process

<https://youtu.be/Xyw6a2qTJ-Q>

John O'Grady introduces the patient directed liver offering scheme

<https://youtu.be/dvyl0kh9rts>

Corinne Antoine talks about the challenges and experience of developing a DCD programme in France

<https://youtu.be/dVD4NBA5Hgs>

Sally Johnson, Steph Parsons and Laura Ramsay present on the importance of encouraging and supporting communication between transplant recipients and donor families

<https://youtu.be/vji5hc9fZdA>

Sue Madden presents an analysis of the impact of deemed consent in Wales

<https://youtu.be/f-eZ-hx9GIU>

Paul Walton presents a case following the Human Transplantation Wales Act 2013

<https://youtu.be/z9bOLSJ73yl>

Claire Williment discusses the implications of an opt-out system for organ donation in England

<https://youtu.be/OrT3pzhlU74>

Paul Murphy talks about the challenges of the increasing length of the donation pathway

<https://youtu.be/jZ0R0juf7tg>

Olive McGowan reflects on the increased activity since the Organ Donation Taskforce and the impact on the donation pathway

<https://youtu.be/RAUOzs5P6u4>

Paul Murphy concludes the Quality in donation session on increasing the length of the donation pathway

https://youtu.be/_XzKh8t8lmc

Following on:

Update from Laura Ramsay - Lead Nurse Recipient Coordinator

It was great to see so many recipient transplant coordinators at the BTS Congress in Brighton this year. I really hope that attendance grows year on year so we can use the forum to share the good work that is going on in so many centres. I will be looking at ways of supporting people to write abstracts and prepare presentations so that as many coordinators as possible feel empowered to participate in future Congress meetings.

My brief presentation on 'Improving Communications between Donor Families and Transplant Recipients' produced some surprising statistics and seemed to gather some momentum for discussing the subject more with transplant recipients. Many ideas have been generated as a result, and I will be attending a planning meeting to look at how to best move forward with this at the end of April. I welcome any further ideas from anyone who did or didn't catch the presentation in Brighton.

We are a few weeks in to the new liver offering system and some informal feedback so far from recipient coordinators is that the process seems logistically easier to be offered an organ for a named patient. It has been a busy period, so thanks to everyone for your perseverance with this huge change and I welcome formal and informal feedback to me personally in the coming weeks and months from the recipient coordinator point of view. The staff in the Hub are also feeling the effects of the change, so your patience is very much appreciated as everyone gets to grips with the new system.

Laura Ramsay

Lead Nurse Recipient Coordinator, NHS Blood and Transplant

Incident Reporting: Living Kidney Donation

Updated criteria for reporting critical incidents through ODT on line were circulated to the UK Living Kidney Donation Network and attached to this bulletin in November 2017. We are grateful for your support in reporting incidents so that we can continue to learn from experience and share learning to improve practice. A more detailed summary will be included in a future edition of 'Cautionary Tales' but key points to note are:

The importance of clear, multi-disciplinary decision-making processes and documented discussions during donor assessment to avoid late cancellations or postponements of surgery.

The importance of updating of donor assessment and reviewing repeat investigations when time has elapsed since initial evaluation and date of donation. This is a particular risk for donors registered in the UK Living Kidney Sharing Schemes (UKLKSS) who may remain in the scheme with their recipient for some time. Incidental findings discovered after an exchange has been identified or post donation impact on both donors and recipients. Updated guidance can be found in the recently published 'UK Guidelines for Living Donor Kidney Transplantation' at www.bts.org.uk

Significant delays in non-simultaneous exchanges/chains within the UKLKSS have been associated with a higher risk of non-proceeding transplants. It is recommended that, wherever possible, time intervals between donor and recipient dates of surgery within the same exchange are minimised. The Chair of Kidney Advisory Group, via the Lead Nurse, Living Donation, must be made aware of all cases of non-simultaneous surgery in the UKLKSS and approval requested if more than 14 days is required between dates of surgery.

Any queries can be addressed to Lisa.burnapp@nhsbt.nhs.uk

Professor John Salaman

I was saddened to hear of the death of John Salaman. He was a real pioneer of transplantation in Wales and a leading figure in kidney transplant in the early days of the British Transplantation Society. I met him when I was training in transplantation surgery because he was a good friend of Ross Taylor from Newcastle (who was my surgical mentor). John Salaman was a gentle, modest and gracious man who clearly cared a great deal for the patients that he served. But was also able to lead many developments in the transplant program in Wales. A link to a proper obituary for him, prepared by colleagues in Kidney Wales can be found [here](#)

ODT SMT Performance Report:

You may have seen in the news this week, 2017/18 was another record year. There were 1575 deceased donors, an 11% increase on last year and a 95% increase over the ten years since the Organ Donation Taskforce baseline year (2007/08: 809). 4035 patients received a solid organ transplant from a deceased donor in 2017/18, a 9% increase on last year and a 69% increase over ten years (2007/08: 2384).

I know that all of you reading this have put in a huge amount of work to facilitate this record number of donors and bring about so many transplants for so many patients. Thank you.

Please take the time to read the latest published Organ Donation and Transplantation Performance Report (February 2018) available [here](#).

NHSBT data on Organ Donation and Transplantation:

The latest **Organ Donation and Transplantation Annual Activity report** is available [here](#) and the number of organ transplants for each centre for 2016/2017 can be viewed [here](#). The latest organ specific reports are available [here](#) and presentations given at the recent British Transplantation Society conference are available [here](#).

Yours sincerely



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NHSBT Board: Board papers are published after each meeting and are available at: <http://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/who-we-are/introducing-the-board/board-papers/>

Cautionary Tales: New edition of Cautionary Tales April 2018 please click [here](#)

New Organ Donation Marketing and Campaigns Bulletin: Shared with internal clinical staff for Organ Donation and Transplantation plus the wider community attached [here](#) is Issue No 11.

FUTURE ODT MEETINGS/EVENTS: 2018

NRG (National Retrieval Group – formerly Clinical Retrieval Group)

Wednesday 18th April 2018, Medical Society of London

CTAG (Cardiothoracic Advisory Group)

Wednesday 25th April 2018, Coram Campus, 41 Brunswick Square, London

KAGPSG (Kidney Paediatric Sub Group)

Wednesday 25th April 2018, Medical Society of London

LAG (Liver Advisory Group)

Wednesday 2nd May 2018, CIARB, 12 Bloomsbury Square, London

RINTAG (Research, Innovation & Novel Technologies Advisory Group)

Friday 11th May 2018, The Principal York Hotel, Station Road, York

NODC PSG (National Organ Donation Committee – Paediatric Sub Group)

Wednesday 23rd May 2018, Medical Society of London

Cardiothoracic Patient Group meeting

Tuesday 5th June 2018, West End Donor Centre

NODC (National Organ Donation Committee)

Tuesday 5th June 2018, 10:30-15:30, London venue tbc

KAG (Kidney Advisory Group)

Thursday 7th June 2018, 12 Bloomsbury Square, London

Kidney Patient Group meeting

Tuesday 10th July 2018, Medical Society of London, (previously Thursday 5th July 2018)

Liver Patient Group meeting

Wednesday 11th July 2018, Board Room, West End Donor Centre

INFORMATION FROM OTHER BODIES:

Blood and Transplant Matters: Please click [here](#) for issue 52.

Organ Donation & Transplantation – Wales E Bulletin: Please click [here](#) for issue 52.

The Latest Donor Family Network's latest newsletter: Can be found here

<http://www.donorfamilynetwork.co.uk/i/2017/11/Autumn-2017.pdf>

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS and EVENTS:

ESOT - <http://www.esot.org/events-education>

Live Donor Nephrectomy: Wednesday 27th – Friday 29th June 2018

Primary Topics: Nephrectomy, Surgery, Urology

Country: Netherlands

Educational Objectives: To provide a podium for transplant surgeons and urologists who are specialising in live donor kidney transplantation. To learn the surgical techniques for minimally-invasive kidney donation under the guidance of established and internationally recognised leaders in the field.

Target Group: Transplant surgeons and Urologists coming mainly from Europe. Surgeons or urologists in a transplant fellowship or consultant position who want to start a live kidney donation programme. Surgeons who want to enrich their surgical skills for live donor nephrectomy.

BST18 – BASIC SCIENCE IN TRANPLANTATION MEETING 2018 - Rotterdam:

Thursday 11th October 2018 – Friday 13th October 2018

Participants will be informed about the latest developments in transplantation research from a basic science perspective by leaders in the field. There will be excellent opportunities for networking and there is special attention for young professionals in the field.

Primary Topics: Basic science, Immunobiology / Basic science / Stem Cells

Educational Objectives

- Update on novel developments in transplantation science
- Get informed about transplantation research just beyond your own research
- Establishment of new research collaborations