

Organ Donation Annual Report

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. Kingston Hospital participates in the National Organ Donation programme. In order to be compliant with the programme the Trust is required to have an Organ Donation Committee and the Trust must identify The Clinical Lead (CL-OD) and senior nurse (SN-OD). Although the numbers of donors are small the Trust has been recognised by the Regional Team as being highly engaged and active in the programme with staff taking appropriate opportunities to discuss the possibility of organ donation with all families with a 100% referral rate and 50% consent to donation. This is higher than previous years.
- 1.2. The nursing and medical teams in ITU have attended educational meetings to raise awareness and have taken part in Regional Collaborative conferences. Further details of the committee work are described by its Chairman, Revd Susan van Beveren (Lead Chaplain) in the following annual summary of the work of the committee.
- 1.3. The executive summary of the national report of Actual and Potential donors is attached at Appendix 1 which describes the benchmarked performance of the Trust. The impact of organ donation was clearly demonstrated in a letter received from the SN-OD on behalf of NHS Blood and Transport detailing how the lives of 15 people had been changed by donation.
- 1.4. The Board is asked to note the activity of the Organ Donation Committee and the leadership provided by them to the programme at Kingston Hospital.

Organ Donation Committee

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1. INTRODUCTION:

- 1.1. The Organ Donation Committee met throughout 2016-17. Four Committee Meetings were held with interim action meetings as required to achieve the aims of the group. Membership is in accordance with the Organ Donation Committee Terms of Reference. The Clinical Lead OD during this period was Dr Mhadi Alshahaf, with Dr Daniele Arces taking up the role in an interim capacity from January 2017 until he was confirmed in role in June 2017. The Specialist Nurse OD in this period has been Jo Cox who has kept minutes and ensured a constant flow of data. Gail Connolly (Senior Sister ITU) has done a great job assisting with some of the administration tasks for the group. The Chairman for the Committee is Lead Chaplain for the Trust, The Revd Susan van Beveren.
- 1.2. The attached report gives an overview of the Organ Donation figures released nationally for the year Apr 2016 –Mar 2017 identifying trends and insights. The report identifies some of the challenges, and some of the positive outcomes of work undertaken to increase awareness and implement good practice across the Trust.

2. NATIONAL DATA

- 2.1. As a small Trust with fewer major Trauma patients coming into ITU numbers remain quite small. However, the Trust has received some patients during this period who remained in the ITU whilst further specialist opinions were sought through St George's Hospital or other Tertiary centres. Transfer was not indicated or appropriate, and it was agreed that the patients should be cared for in their last days at Kingston and Organ Donation be explored with the families. As a result we had 5 actual donors during this period, with 15 people receiving life-saving transplants thanks to the patients and families who consented to organ and tissue donation.

2.2. Reading the Data

Donation falls into two categories, a referral to the Organ Donation team is triggered when the medical decision is made to either withdraw life sustaining treatment or when patients have been identified as brain dead.

DCD- Donation after circulatory death

DBD- Donation after brain death

From the data:

- 5 proceeding donors compared to 1 last year (2015-16)
- 4 patients became DCD donors
- 1 patient became a DBD donor
- 1 family declined when approached regarding a patient who was DBD
- 1 family declined when approached regarding a patient who was DCD
- 2 requests to proceed for organ donation were declined by the coroner

It is also the hard work and dedication of all the medical and nursing teams across the Intensive Care and Theatre department that have made organ donation and subsequent transplantation possible.

2.3. Referral rates

In DBD patients our testing, referral, approach and SN-OD rates continue at 100%, with 50% now giving consent, which is a significant increase on previous years. In DCD patients referral has continued at 100%. Our SN-OD is now actively involved in 100% of cases although our approach rate has not been as high as previous years.

3. STRENGTHS

- **High awareness** is a key strength among our clinicians and nursing team in the ITU, and increased understanding of the practice and protocols surrounding organ donation.
- **SN-OD involvement** is exemplary, and strategically supported by the nurse led protocols on the unit to ensure approach is not made to a family without a SN-OD present.
- **Learning & development** is encouraged amongst the consultants and nursing staff and part of the annual programme of professional development. The CL-OD, SN-OD and Chair of the Committee have taken part in Regional Collaborative Conferences, and nursing staff have attended education regarding eye tissue given by Moorfields Eye Unit both off-site and within the Trust.

4. CHALLENGES

- **Involvement of ED staff** has been a challenge, due to the pressures in that department, however one of the ED sisters joined the Committee in 2017 and we hope to develop further interaction with the team, and provide learning development.
- **Widening understanding in the Trust** is about raising awareness on the wards about Tissue donation post mortem. This is happening, and the figures are not represented in this report, which focusses on solid organ donation. However there is more to be done to increase donation of tissues going forward.
- **Lack of proper facilities for Donor families** is an issue for the ITU / Trust. The current provision of a private room for conversation and support of any patient family is limited. During the process of Organ Donation there is a lot of waiting as all the necessary checks and protocols are followed. This can be a very difficult time for the family so a space with access to provision of drinks is important.

5. GOING FORWARD

- **Engaging the Community** continues to be a challenge, because all members of the committee are engaged in full-time duties in the Trust. Discussions are developing with the idea of involving donor families to enable this further. This will be part of the work plan going forward.
- **The Donor Memorial** idea has been explored further. Original ideas have not been appropriate to pursue, however enquiries have been made with local

schools to explore the possibility of holding an art competition with the winning entries to be displayed in the Hospital with a plaque explaining their purpose as a memorial of those who have given life to others through Organ Donation. This will be pursued further.

- **Continuing Education** will be a strategic part of the activity of the OD Committee in the coming months, ensuring it remains part of the Professional Development of all in ITU and is widened out into ED and further work undertaken amongst the medical/ nursing staff in the Trust regarding tissue donation.

The work of the Committee is continuing to take shape, and we look forward to progressing our plans and supporting our Trust staff to assist families when they are faced with life-changing decisions at such a distressing time of personal bereavement.