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Dear Jo Farrar and Matt Oldfield,

Despite the challenges from the pandemic lifesaving transplants in the UK have continued to occur. For this we are extremely grateful. Please accept our recognition and thanks for the effort of your staff as we look to recover further.

This letter explains how your Trust contributed to the UK's deceased donation programme. We acknowledge that the COVID-19 pandemic affected Trusts/Boards differently across the UK.

Organ donation and transplantation activity - 2021/22

From 4 consented donors, Kingston Hospital NHS Foundation Trust facilitated 3 actual solid organ donors resulting in 9 patients receiving a transplant during the time period.

Quality of care in organ donation - 2021/22

- The referral of potential organ donors to NHS Blood and Transplant's Organ Donation Service and the presence of a Specialist Nurse for Organ Donation when approaching families to discuss organ donation are key steps in ensuring the success of organ donation.
- Your Trust referred 51 patients to NHSBT's Organ Donation Services Team; 14 met the referral criteria and were included in the UK Potential Donor Audit. There were a further 2 audited patients that were not referred.
- A Specialist Nurse was present for 6 organ donation discussions with families of eligible donors. There were no occasions when a Specialist Nurse was absent for the donation discussion.

What we would like you to do

- Ensure your Trust supports your Organ Donation Committee and Clinical Lead for Organ Donation in promoting best practice as they seek to minimise missed donation opportunities.
- Discuss activity and quality data at the Board with support from your Organ Donation Committee Chair.
- Recognise any successes your Trust has had in facilitating donation or transplantation, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Deemed Consent Legislation - England

On 20 May 2020 the Organ Donation (Deemed Consent) Act 2019, known as Max and Keira's Law, came into force in England. The societal ambition is that the new law will help save and improve even more lives moving forward. In England, during 2021/22 there were 459 occasions when consent was deemed from 794 occasions where deemed consent applied.

Why it matters

In 2021/22, 690 people benefited from a solid organ transplant in London. However sadly, 52 people died on the transplant waiting list during this time.

Thank you once again for your vital ongoing support for donation and transplantation.

Yours sincerely,



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