

KEY THEMES FROM THE ORGAN DONATION SCOPING WORKSHOP

Title

- One suggestion - Organ donation: donor identification and consent rates for cadaveric

Epidemiology

- 3.1.a - add islet cell transplants in the list
- 3.1.g – suggest rewording in more positive way

Population

- To separate children from adults
- BME subgroup-are eastern Europeans included in this group or not?
- How about people with families not in the UK-who would give consent for them?

Healthcare setting

- Issues to specify areas-solid vs. tissue organ donation (ITUs, A&E, wards, mortuary) in the NHS hospitals
- Include hospices?

Key Clinical Issues

- To separate HBD and NHB because the processes and structures are different
- Focus more on HBD because their organs do better
- Use of clinical triggers for identification of potential HBD
- Identification and management of potential HBD upstream should be considered
- Are we covering solid and tissue organ donation-if yes, need to explicitly write that out. This is because their processes and structures are completely different in terms of timelines for organ retrieval, process for donation, different specialist nurses involved and different areas of hospitals like mortuary are also involved
- Focus on competencies on quality of communication is very important and training on it in terms of separate training on communication about death and separate on communication to obtain consent.
- What factors influence consent
- Separate communication about consent and death

- Clearly define the terms NHBD, HBD, potential donors, conversion, consent, retrieval, transplantation, organ

Key outcome measures suggested for addition

- Number of donors (individuals)
- Number of organs donated per donor
- Viability (quality-not sure this is the right word) of organ
- Rates of initial approach

GDG composition: suggestions

- ITU specialist nurse
- A&E specialist nurse
- Pediatric intensivist
- Member from transplantation team like transplant physician or surgeon
- Patient care-who has refused consent
- BME representative

Co-opted expert

Commissioner- suggest National transplant commissioner or someone from NHSBT taskforce