

## Minutes of Transplantation Advisory Group

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**Date** 13 May 2014  
**Venue** Mary Sumner House  
 24 Tufton Street  
 Westminster, London  
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<b>Present</b>	
<b>Members</b>	<b>In attendance</b>
Allan Marriott-Smith (Chair), Director of Strategy and Quality	Gaby Perrot, Policy and Quality Manager
Catharine Seddon, Authority Member	
Rosie Glazebrook, Authority Member	
Gurch Randhawa, Authority Member	
Sharmila Nebhrajani, Authority Chair	
Lisa Burnapp, Lead Nurse, Living Organ Donation, NHSBT	
Jessica Porter, Living Donation Manager	
Katy Tinker (Secretary), Living Donation Officer	

### Item 1 – Welcome and apologies

1. Apologies were received from Keith Rigg, Michael Heneghan and Olive McGowan.
  2. A warm welcome was extended to Sharmila Nebhrajani the new Authority Chair who attended the meeting as an observer.
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## **Item 2 – Chair’s update**

3. Allan Marriott-Smith updated the Group on important activity that had taken place using the quarter 4 Living Donation Activity Report (LDAR).
4. The Group discussed novel case one in the LDAR and it was accepted that the Living Donation Assessment Team could expect cases similar to novel case one to become more prevalent.
5. Allan Marriott-Smith updated the Group on cases where the police referrals policy had been used and other cases where legal advice had been sought.

## **Item 3 - Themes from IA conference**

6. Jessica Porter introduced the paper and noted that the Independent Assessor conference in March 2014 had been a successful day. Jessica Porter advised that the feedback gathered from the day would feed into achieving the aims of the HTA Living Donation Strategic Plan 2014 – 2017.
7. The Group were asked for their thoughts on the feedback.
8. The Group focussed on the suggestions provided on how to expand the pool of Independent Assessors.
9. It was agreed that publicising the IA role as part of an HR initiative when Trust staff are approaching retirement would be beneficial. In addition to this, consideration should be given to staff within the NHS Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS).
10. The Group expressed reservations on the suggestion to train people as IAs who had previously been altruistic donors or who did not pass the work up stage.

## **Item 4 – New living donation programme**

11. The Group confidentially discussed a new living donation programme.

## **Item 5 – Directed altruistic donation case review**

12. Allan Marriott-Smith provided an overview of the directed altruistic donation case review and the associated poster.
13. The Group noted that the poster is a useful resource as we now have experience of assessing a number of directed altruistic donation cases.

## **Item 6 – Confidential Legal advice**

14. The Group confidentially discussed recent legal advice.

## **Item 7 – Review of the HTA’s Codes of Practice 2014 to 2016**

15. Gaby Perrott introduced the paper on the review of the Codes of Practice. As some Authority Members had already commented on the paper in a previous meeting earlier in the day, views were sought from external members of the Group.
16. The Group noted that the codes are useful but need to remain agile to allow them to be responsive to changes in practice.
17. It was discussed that there was a lack of clarity in the current Codes as to what was required by law and what is HTA Policy. It was suggested that it may be useful for the Codes to be laid out in such a way that law, policy and guidance could all be found together. It was also noted that a useful feature is the capability to search by sections or keywords and this should remain.

## **Item 8 – AOB**

18. Lisa Burnapp advised the Group that the setup of the Kidney Exchange Scheme with the Republic of Ireland is still being arranged but there had been no further movement in the last year. Lisa will follow up with Karen Quinn, Assistant Director for UK Commissioning at NHSBT, and feed back to TAG.
19. Lisa Burnapp updated the Group on the status of the guidance on prisoners becoming living organ donors. The guidance is to go to Ministers but BTS will create a working document for the meantime.