

Organ Donation at UHL

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Paper C

Purpose of report:

This paper is for:	Description	Select (X)
Decision	To formally receive a report and approve its recommendations OR a particular course of action	
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Previous consideration:

Meeting	Date	Please clarify the purpose of the paper to that meeting using the categories above
CMG Board (specify which CMG)		
Executive Board	April 2019	Discussion and Assurance
Trust Board Committee	June 2019	QOC – Discussion and assurance
Trust Board		

Executive Summary

Context

- Leicester's Hospitals facilitated 34 life-changing organ transplants in 2018/19
- Over the last year, twenty patients at Leicester's Hospitals sadly died in circumstances where there was the potential for them to become organ donors and either they had shared their wishes to donate their organs after their death (they were on the organ donor register) or their families consented to their loved ones becoming an organ donor after their death. 14 of these patients went on to donate their organs and it was through their generosity that 34 lives were saved due to the amazing gift of organs for transplantation.
- This is an increase on the previous year, when there were only thirteen consented donors in Leicester which resulted in 9 patients giving the gift of life. A Trust the size of UHL should have the capacity to offer donation to more patients and our target is to aim to facilitate donation in at least 12 patients a year for the next 2 years.

- The Organ Donation Team at UHL, working with the staff in ED and the Intensive Care Units within the Trust, would like to ensure that all patients who have the potential to become donors are given this opportunity so that even more lives might be saved through transplantation.

Questions

- This week is Organ Donation week (2nd- 8th September 2019) and we would like to use this week to ensure offering organ donation happens for all those patients who sadly are dying in UHL and are in the unique position of being able to donate their organs for transplantation.
- We would like to share the message with regard to the change in the law. The law in England is changing with regard to organ donation in April 2020. The country will move to a position of deemed consent as has already happened in Wales. All adults in England will be considered to have agreed to be an organ donor when they die unless they had recorded a decision not to donate or are in one of the excluded groups.
- To explain the impact donation can have not only on those who receive a transplant (letter from a transplant recipient to be read at board) but also those families whose loved ones become donors the wife of one of our patients (and coincidentally also a staff member) who sadly died in September 2018 has very kindly agreed to talk about her experience of organ donation at UHL. We are incredibly grateful to her for agreeing to talk to us.

Conclusion

The coming months will be busy for the organ donation team at UHL as we prepare our staff for what the change in the law will mean and how it will impact on the conversations we have with families when their loved ones are at the end of their life. The power of these patient stories seek to emphasis why this is such an important focus for the Trust and the difference organ donation can make not only to those who receive a transplant but also for the families whose loved ones do something amazing after their death.

Input Sought

As part of the NHSBT campaign to 'pass it on' we would like help to encourage people to:

- Pass on the fact that the law is changing

- Make a decision whether they would want to pass on their organs to save and improve lives
- Pass on their organ donation decision to their friends and family

For Reference:

This report relates to the following UHL quality and supporting priorities:

1. Quality priorities

Safe, surgery and procedures	Not applicable
Safely and timely discharge	Not applicable
Improved Cancer pathways	Not applicable
Streamlined emergency care	Not applicable
Better care pathways	Yes
Ward accreditation	Not applicable

2. Supporting priorities:

People strategy implementation	Not applicable
Estate investment and reconfiguration	Not applicable
e-Hospital	Not applicable
More embedded research	Not applicable
Better corporate services	Not applicable
Quality strategy development	Yes

3. Equality Impact Assessment and Patient and Public Involvement considerations:

- Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) activities undertaken in relation to this report: the clinical lead for organ donation presented at the patient partner meeting about organ donation on the 3rd September 2019 and has also presented a Leicester Marvellous Medicine talk on the topic at the end of 2018.
- The organ donation committee has PPI representation.

4. Risk and Assurance

Risk Reference:

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