

BRITISH TRANSPLANTATION SOCIETY
113th Council Meeting, 7th October 2013, 1.00pm
Association of Anaesthetists, 21 Portland Place, London W1B 1PY.

MINUTES

Present:

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| Prof. Anthony Warrens (AW) | BTS President (2013-2015) |
| Mr Derek Manas (DM) | BTS Vice President (2013-2015) |
| Dr Iain MacPhee (IMcP) | BTS Secretary (2012-2015) |
| Dr. Richard Baker (RB) | BTS Treasurer (2011-2016) |
| Ms Rachel Johnson (RJ) | Councillor without Portfolio (2012-2015) |
| Dr Martin Howell (MH) | Councillor Histocompatibility (2013-2016) |
| Dr Rachel Hilton (RH) | Chair, Clinical Trials Steering Group (2012-2015) |
| Dr Peter Andrews (PA) | Chair, Standards Committee (2010-2014) |

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| Ms Jacqui Spencer (JS) | Councillor Donor Coordination (2011-2014) |
| Prof. Steve White (SW) | Councillor Liver Transplantation (2012-2015) |
| Mr Paul Gibbs (PG) | Councillor Transplant Surgery (2011-2014) |
| Mr Nizam Mamode (NM) | Councillor without Portfolio (2013-2016) |

In Attendance:

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| Mrs Julie Mellish (JM) | KSAM Secretariat (Minute taker) |
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1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from, Andrew Bushell (AB), James Gilbert (JG), Dr James Douglas (JD), Mr Vassilios Papalois (VP), Mr Jacob Akoh (JA), Mrs Kay (Nicola) Hamilton (KH), Prof. John Dark (JHD), Mr Colin Wilson (CW)

2. Minutes of the 112th Council Meeting, 17th June 2013

a. Accuracy

The minutes were agreed as a true reflection of the last council meeting.

b. Action Points/Matters Arising

2 b ii Clinical Retrieval Group

Suggestion to have joint meeting BTS with NHSBT. DM advised of the importance of this group which includes SNODs, Clinical Intensivists and Retrieval Service as there is no other obvious forum to discuss policy. RJ suggested that the Renal Transplant Services Meeting does address this role and noted that an operational plan for the new organ donation strategy is due to be published in Sep 2013. JD stressed the importance of any meeting having a very clearly defined agenda. DM expressed the view that NORS has drifted away from the clinical community. Roberto Cacciola is organising a broader NORS gathering. RJ noted that there is an advisory group chairs meeting, currently ANW representing BTS that deals with many of these issues.

Action: DM to produce and circulate planned Agenda for the next meeting. **Further Action:** DM asked for this to be kept on the Agenda.

8. Ethics Committee Report

5. The Committee is contributing to a Consultation by the DOH, NHSBT, HTA, Ministry

of Justice and BTS regarding the request by prisoners to be altruistic donors. Lisa Burnapp has drafted a document with comments from VT and RH with further meeting planned for 17th June.

Action: The next version of the document to be circulated to council by VP. **Further Action:** *Approved by Council, ask VP to contact Lisa Burnapp and update at next meeting.*

10. Standards Committee

3. Living Donor Liver Transplantation. This will be the subject for the Living Donor Forum in November. **Action:** *Meeting programme will be circulated to council for review.*
4. HIV & Organ Transplantation

Action: *DM to write Liver based document.*

12. Carrell Club

2. The Website/The Survey/The meeting February 2014
CW asked Council what should be included in the Survey? and what else would Council like to ask trainees?

Action: Council to e-mail CW any ideas for inclusion on the Survey.

Further Action: *Carry over to next meeting.*

13. Clinical Trials Steering Group Report

RH advised may not require session time at Congress but will advise in due course following a meeting in two weeks time.

3. Future Council Meetings

Tuesday 25th February 2014 – 13:00-17:00 SECC, Glasgow.

4. President's Report

a. NHSBT Strategy: Transplantation to 2020

AW/DM advised they will try and meet with the Chair and Chief Executive of NHSBT on a quarterly basis going forward. Next meeting planned for 23rd October 2013.

AW asked if an *ex officio* of NHSBT should attend the BTS Council meetings. All agreed this was a good idea and that if this is put in place a BTS representative should attend the NHSBT Advisory Group meetings by return.

AW advised that James Neuberger, NHSBT will fund Nursing and Co-ordinators BTS membership for NHSBT employees. AW proposed the set up of a fully funded Chapter of BTS, linking regional collaboratives with chapter of nurses from NHSBT. AW asked for support for the Chapter, all agreed this is a good idea.

b. Maintaining and developing the BTS Website

It was agreed that responsibility for the BTS Website being kept up to date should be assigned to a Council member. RH volunteered and circulated a proposal for future development. RH agreed to report at future Council meetings on any updates. RH suggested that some Council members may require access to certain pages on the website so they can update them themselves. RH to contact BTS Admin Office to agree meeting/tele conference and further discussions. DM suggested adding links on the BTS website to Transplant TV. AW suggested uploading slides from meetings on the website. All to be considered by the new Website Committee, RH/CW/JD.

RB asked for the cost and logistical implications of moving the website from current providers, KSAM to another.

Action: KSAM to provide information on moving the website.

Action: RJ to arrange discussions with KSAM re proposed development plans for the Website.

c. Facilitating Donor Research

AW updated that under the Human Tissue Act you currently require a license to take tissue out of a patient. Unofficially, Ministers are looking at changing this law.

AW advised that Keith Rigg is leaving HTA and all agreed his replacement should be someone within transplantation. AW will highlight to the HTA that Council of BTS are concerned that a lot of experience will be lost if there is not a handover period, or staggering of leaving.

AW suggested that Marc Clancy, Marlene Rose or Vassilios Papalois would be suitable replacements.

Action: AW to invite Ethics Committee to consider joining HTA.

Action: VP to discuss and report back to AW.

d. Group Membership subscription for SNODs

Discussed in 4. a.

e. Doctors Against Forced Organ Donation and TTS position on China

VP circulated a report prior to the meeting on the issue of the retrieval of organs from executed Chinese prisoners. VP advised the ethics committee has discussed this and included a summary in his report. The TTS position is unclear and it was agreed that BTS will write to the TTS for clarification on the situation prior to issuing any statements.

Action: AW/NM to action Letter

5. Vice President's Report

a. Conference 2014

DM advised that the Congress program is almost complete. Kenneth Clarke has not yet accepted to do the Hoffenberg Lecture. Council to send suggestions of others who may be suitable to DM. There was discussion on using more technology at next Congress, Ipads, downloadable programme. This will be discussed further at next COC meeting.

Call for Abstracts has been sent out and the deadline for submissions is 2nd December.

Action: Suggestions for Hoffenberg Lecture to DM

b. Matching Donors UK

Following legal consultation with lawyers, AW responded to Matching Donors stating that the BTS refute the allegations of libel and slander. The legal fees amount to £1,500. No further contact has been received from MD UK.

General discussion – DM asked if the BTS need to be more proactive and advise BTS members of priorities for the coming year. DM suggested engaging with past presidents to discuss past issues and achievements and what should BTS be doing as a Society. AW asked if BTS should be doing this or Transplant 2013. IMcP suggested that BTS compile a wish list of issues and send it to Transplant 2013 to pass to government. AW suggested having a lobbying plan session at Congress and a document could be produced and could then be circulated to members. RB suggested adding another question to the questionnaire re lobbying, asking what are members priorities list 1 – 5. BTS Presidents to engage past presidents to discuss past issues and arrange a meeting/dinner. Budget agreed by all £500.

Action: DM to circulate wish list to Council.

Action: AW/DM to arrange meeting /dinner with past presidents.

6. Secretary's Report

a. Bid for TTS 2020

IMcP suggested approaching TTS and giving a bid for 2020. Glasgow venue are keen to support.

Action: IMcP to progress and update on any further information.

- b. Kidney Alliance Report ‘Kidney Health, Delivering Excellence’
IMcP will circulate final version of report after 16th October.
Action: IMcP to circulate final version of report.
- c. NICE
IMcP passed for review document written by DM on Liver CIG.

7. Treasurers Report

- a. Congress Update 2013
RB advised he was waiting for a final updated Congress budget to be sent to him for review. JM to check with the Events team and advise accordingly. 2013 Congress debtors list showed just over £10k still outstanding from Congress. These debts will continue to be chased and a further report will follow in due course.

Action: KSAM continue to chase outstanding debtors

- b. Congress Update 2014
RB updated Gold Sponsors for 2014 include Astellas, Roche, Novartis/Sandoz. Other discussions taking place, Alexion may also sponsor but tbc.
There was discussion on the uploading of presentations from Congress to the BTS Website. DM suggested that Transplant TV, based at the institute of Transplantation, Freeman Hospital, could be an alternative platform for the BTS to host presentations from Congress. No decision, further discussion on this option required.

Action: Further investigation on hosting presentations on BTS Website required.

8. Ethics Committee Report

- a. Reports circulated by VP prior to the meeting including David Matas and David Kilgour Correspondence (included below).
- b. The BTS Ethics Symposium is set for the 9th of December 2013 at the W12 Conference Centre at the Hammersmith Hospital. We have formal collaboration/ participation from ELPAT and all but one speaker have confirmed. The final programme will go out this week and we will have another big push for advertisement (13 participants so far). We would be happy to have the talks videotaped although it would be probably difficult to video tape the interactive discussions.
- c. The session for the BTS Congress is entitled: “You don’t give it, you don’t get” referring to a debate regarding the system of not being able to get a transplant unless you have registered as a donor. Both speakers (UK and international have confirmed).
- d. The issue of the retrieval of organs from executed Chinese prisoners has been discussed and the outcome is summarised in the e-mail sent to Anthony (27.8.2013) (see attached e-mail with attachments).



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9. Transplant Training and Education Committee Report

No Report.

10. Standards Committee Report

Report circulated prior to the meeting, summarised below.

- a.. DCD Guidelines have been finalised and uploaded to the BTS Website.

- b. New Guidelines on Directed Altruistic Donation were also posted in July.
- c. New Guidelines on Management of the Failing Graft are under author review to be posted on the website for comment, November with final publication January 2014.
- d.. New Guideline on HIV remains in writing phase.
- e. New Guidelines on Living Liver Donation have been commissioned and the Living Donor Forum on 22nd November will be devoted to a group discussion of draft chapters and recommendations.
- f. Guidelines on Kidney-Pancreas Transplantation have been re-invigorated with a new structure and authorship group and the intention to produce a draft by May 2014.
- g. A paper summarising the DCD Guidelines has been submitted on behalf of the Society to Transplantation.
- h. Feedback has been provided on proposed guidelines on the use of Eculizumab in transplantation.
Action: A list of proposed patient information, consent and other illustrative documents for posting on the BTS website will be forwarded when completed.

11. **Transplant 2013**

IMcP reported Transplant 2013 objective is to look at the high refusal rate for deceased organ donation in the UK and to lobby policy makers in Parliament. Minutes of the last meeting held on 1st May were circulated to council prior to the meeting.

12. **Carrel Club Report**

Report circulated prior to the meeting.

AW reported that Colin Wilson will be stepping down as President of the Carrell Club. AW formerly thanked Colin for his contributions to the Society and congratulated him on his Consultancy. There will be elections within the committee, prospective candidate identified. Next meeting January 2014 (23rd-24th).

13. **Clinical Trials Steering Group Report**

Report circulated prior to the meeting.

1. Clinical Trials Endorsement
 BTS have received the first project for endorsement, this will enable the testing of the system set up for scoring and adjudication. Next teleconference October 4th where the submitted proforma will be discussed.
2. June 10th 2013 UK Kidney Research Consortium
 RH attended a meeting on June 10th and presented an overview of current transplant research activity to group members. Meetings are held bi-annually. (*The UKKRC was set up by the Renal Association and Kidney Research UK (KRUK) to support the development of clinical research in kidney disease*).
3. June 11th 2013 Kidney Research UK Collaborative Research Meeting
 RH attended this meeting which had been organised by KRUK to try and secure the interest of industry for future study development in the UK. A further follow up meeting was held in August between RH, Alison Levoguer from Novartis and Michael Nation and Elaine Davies from

Kidney Research UK The view of Novartis is that industry is risk averse and that we need to demonstrate feasibility and willingness of centres to engage and recruit before they will consider offering their support. RH reported that if the group can offer 2 or 3 ideas with ownership and accountability Novartis may consider funding proposals from 2015.

4. Autumn 2013 Clinical Trials Workshop
This will be hosted at the Royal College of Surgeons (RCS) on October 15th. Delegates invited from all kidney and pancreas transplanting 2013. The meeting is being badged by BTS, NHSBT and RCS. The ambition is to develop a National Transplant Research Network starting with Kidney and Pancreas and if this is a success, rolling out to include other solid organs like Liver and Thoracic. RH advised that all Clinical Directors had been written to, to ask them to nominate two representatives to attend the meeting on 15th. RH advised that hopefully the next meeting will be on Liver and hosted by John O'Grady.
5. RH advised that Martin Drage's position on the Committee will be up in 2014, so the group will need to appoint a further member.

14. Website

Report circulated prior to the meeting and covered/discussed above in 4b.

15. Report from Constituent Parts

- a. Basic Science (AB)
No report. AW asked if AB is still a member of the Council. KSAM to check and advise.
Post meeting note – Andrew Bushell's position on Council is up for election in 2014.
- b. Transplant coordination & Nursing (KH)
No report.
- c. Histocompatibility (MH)
Report circulated prior to the meeting.
 1. BTS/BSHI-led review of provision of H&I services supporting Clinical Transplantation
Professor Anthony Warrens chaired a meeting on 3rd-4th September to discuss proposals for a review of H&I laboratory support for clinical transplant programmes. The proposed review will be BTS/BSHI led and will take in the whole of H&I provision to transplant programmes. The list of representatives and their affiliations will be placed in the public domain as soon as the body is configured. The initiative has the support of NHS England who will endorse the review once the Agenda emerges. A meeting of H&I Laboratory Directors will be held on 11th November to finalise.
 2. Revision of BSHI/BTS Guidelines for the detection and characterisation of clinically relevant antibodies in allotransplantation.
A new draft has been completed and will be ready for clinical review within a week. Council suggested that Peter Andrews would be suitable as reviewer for BTS.
 3. BSHI Conference 2013
3rd-4th September 2013, Chancellor's Conference Centre, Manchester. Content was well received by those attending. BSHI 2014 will be held at the same venue on 3-4th September 2014.

4. NHSBT Pancreas Advisory Group, Islet Sub-Group 27/06/13 – H&I Issues
There was a request for BSHI to provide a statement on transplanting against mismatches from a previously transplanted, functioning kidney when considering an islet transplant. The Islet Transplant Group consensus is not to transplant against such mismatches at this stage in the development of islet transplantation in the UK.

Action: C.2. MH to refer to PA for pending review

- d. Liver Transplantation (SW)
Report circulated prior to meeting.
Report included details of planned Session to be held on Wednesday 26th February 2014 – 15:00-18:30 BASL/BTS Symposium, Glasgow entitled Meeting the Changing Trends in Liver Transplantation. Mark Hudson BASL President will Chair.
- e. Transplant Nephrology (IMcP)
Nothing to report.
- f. Transplant Surgery (PG)
Currently looking at fellowships.
- g. Cardiac & Pulmonary Transplantation (JD)
Report circulated prior to meeting - Summary
Activity
Cardiac transplant numbers are up by a large amount – currently over 40% increase on last year. This is being ascribed to the Scout initiative which started in April. Lung numbers have been unaffected.

The DEVEOP-UK multi-centre study of ex-vivo lung perfusion, which had been paused in April following some possible adverse events, has restarted from the end of July.

A review of early graft failure, presented at CTAG in September, again confirmed ischaemic time as the single most important factor. This has to be taken into account by other retrieval and transplant teams, because the cardiothoracic surgeons are trying to achieve very close coordination of retrieval and implantation and may want to delay retrieval until everything is ready at the implant end.

- h. Donor Coordination (JS)
Report circulated prior to the meeting.
JS expressed concern about only having one day for the Nurses Forum at Congress and asked if this could be extended to two. DM advised that only one day had been agreed. JS advised the theme of the session will be linked to the NHSBT 2020 strategy. (see report). JS advised that she is working with Helen Tincknell, Lead Nurse for Transplant Recipient Coordination to improve the Forum for 2014.

16. Reports from Allied Groups

- a. Association of Surgeons (DM)
DM confirmed that he now attends the meetings.
- b. BRS (PA)
Nothing to report.
- c. CORESS (PG)

Next meeting 22nd November.

- d. NHSBT ODT KAG (AW)
Next meeting 5th December.
- e. Renal Registry (IMcP)
IMcP currently working on draft Renal report. Transplant Study Group there have been some volunteers but will continue to try and re-energise.
- f. RCP/RA Joint Speciality Committee (IMcP)
Nothing to report.
- g. RIXG (RB)
Nothing to report.

17. Archivists Report

No report received.

18. Any other business

NM asked the admin office to ensure he is added to all mailing lists as not received e-mails recently.

Post meeting note: NM currently on all mailing lists and checked safe receipt of test. Could be firewall at NM end that will not let through attachments. Will keep checking.

PG asked how as an organisation can we support the 2020. After 23rd October meeting, look at strategies and make comments after meeting.

Meeting Closed 16:00