

1. BACKGROUND

The Federation of Surgical Specialty Associations (FSSA) hosts and maintains the latest version of the Clinical Guide to Surgical Prioritisation During the Coronavirus Pandemic. This document covers most surgical specialties and assigns a priority level and timeframe to each surgical procedure. The latest version of the guidance can be accessed at https://fssa.org.uk/covid-19_documents.aspx and is widely used by NHS Commissioners and managers to guide prioritisation of services.

The guidance is updated monthly for the duration of the pandemic. The latest version has been revised in consultation with the British Transplantation Society (BTS) and endorsed by the NHSBT Clinical Team. From 26th February 2021, FSSA published guidance will specify the following prioritisation for ‘**solid organ transplants (including islets)**’. These revisions were agreed and became active on 16th February 2021:

Prioritisation category P1A (procedures to be performed in < 24 hours)

Solid organ transplants (including islets) -

Follow NHSBT guidance but if local MDT directed;

i) Deceased donor

ii) Deteriorating recipient with living donor.

Prioritisation category P2 (procedures to be performed in < 1 month)

Solid organ transplants (including islets) -

Follow NHSBT guidance but if local MDT directed;

i) Living donor

Prioritisation category P3 (procedures to be performed in < 3 months)

Solid organ transplants (including islets) -

Follow NHSBT guidance but if local MDT directed;

i) Stable recipient with living donor

Table 2.1 sets out supplementary guidance to support local multi-disciplinary directed decision-making and to assist in interpretation and use of the FSSA guidance. Please note: the introductory notes to the FSSA clinical guide reference its use in the context of local arrangements for prioritisation, where these are working well.

For guidance related to vaccination of transplant recipients and living donors refer to **DAT3911 – Joint OTDT & BTS guidance on SARSCoV-2 vaccination in adult solid organ and islet transplant wait-listed patients and adult living donor transplant recipients**

2. SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE TO SUPPORT DECISION-MAKING

TABLE 2.1

FSSA Guidance	Interpretation and use
<p>Solid organ transplants (including islets)</p> <p>Transplantation is included within general surgery for the purposes of the FSSA clinical guide.</p>	<p>This category is intended to cover all types of solid organ transplant and islet transplantation relevant to adults, children and young people</p>
<p>Prioritisation for Transplantation</p> <p>Follow NHSBT guidance and multi-disciplinary team (MDT) directed decision-making included through all categories</p>	<p>Recipient classifications can be used to triage adults, children and young people according to clinical need and individual risk assessment as directed by the local MDT</p>
<p>P1A (procedures to be performed in < 24 hours)</p> <p>Solid organ transplants (including islets) - <i>Follow NHSBT guidance but if local MDT directed;</i></p> <p><i>i) Deceased donor</i> <i>ii) Deteriorating recipient with living donor.</i></p>	<p>All recipients of deceased donor transplants</p> <p>Deteriorating recipients; consider including:</p> <p>Living donor liver transplantation (LDLT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urgent (fulminant/acute liver failure) High clinical urgency recipients <p>Living donor kidney transplantation (LDKT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LDKT rarely clinically urgent e.g. failed dialysis access
<p>P2 (procedures to be performed in < 1 month)</p> <p>Solid organ transplants (including islets) - <i>Follow NHSBT guidance but if local MDT directed;</i></p> <p><i>i) Living donor</i></p>	<p>LDLT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases that do not qualify for P1a priority <p>LDKT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deteriorating kidney function, approaching renal replacement therapy and pre-emptive LDKT planned In-centre dialysis On dialysis with failing dialysis access On dialysis with clinical condition declining Recipients participating in identified UK Living Kidney Sharing Scheme (UKLKSS) exchanges
<p>P3 (procedures to be performed in < 3 months)</p> <p>Solid organ transplants (including islets) - <i>Follow NHSBT guidance but if local MDT directed;</i></p> <p><i>i) Stable recipient with living donor</i></p>	<p>Stable recipients:</p> <p>Any case that does not fall into the categories above i.e. for any recipients where a wait of up to 3 months will not be detrimental to them or their donor or impact on other recipients and donors e.g. in a UKLKSS exchange.</p> <p>However, for both LDLT and LDKT, change of status or waiting time on dialysis may lead to upwards prioritisation of previously stable recipients</p>