**Minutes**

**National Renal Transplant Leadership Team**

**Operations Group Meeting**

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| **Date:** | 9 July 2021 | | | | |
| **Time:** | 1.00pm – 2.30pm | | | | |
| **Location:** | Zoom only | | | | |
| **Attended:** | | Claire Beckett | | Transplant coordinator | CCDHB | |
|  | | Denise Beechey | | Renal CNS | CMDHB | |
|  | | Paul Manley | | Renal physician | ADHB | |
|  | | Jane Presto | | Operations manager | CCDHB | |
|  | | John Irvine | | Renal physician | CDHB | |
|  | | Karen Lovelock | | Transplant coordinator | ADHB | |
|  | | John Schollum | | Renal physician | SDHB | |
|  | | Justin Roake | | Transplant surgeon | CDHB | |
|  | | Kristin Wilson | | Business manager LTU | ADHB | |
|  | | Nick Cross (Chair) | | Renal physician (chair) | CDHB | |
|  | | Philip Matheson | | Renal physician | CCDHB | |
| **Minutes:** | | Colette Meehan | Administrator | | CDHB | |
| **Apologies:** | | Richard Evans | Transplant surgeon | | CCDHB | |

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|  | **Agenda Item** | **Notes and actions** |
|  | Welcome | The meeting was held using zoom only. |
|  | Conflicts of Interest | None was presented. |
|  | Minutes – Strategic meeting 4 June 2021 (for Info) | The most recent Strategic meeting minutes (4 June 2021) were provided to Operations group for reference, though they will be presented for passing at the next Strategic group meeting on 3 December 2021 in Auckland. |
|  | Actions update | Nick will meet with Hector Mathews (who is executive Director Maori and Pacific Health responsible for reducing health inequalities and improving health outcomes for Māori and Pacific Islanders, and works with Canterbury DHB’s Māori Health teams), on 29 July 2021 to discuss interest in being equity representative for NRTLT. |
|  | Kidney Allocation Policy - June 2021 – now on NRTS website [link](https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/nrts-nz-kidney-allocation-scheme-june2021_2.pdf) | The latest version of the Kidney Allocation Policy was uploaded to NRTS MOH website after the adjustments at the June Strategic Group meeting. |
|  | Pancreas Allocation Policy | This policy has been finalised and is to be uploaded on to NRTS MOH website in July.  **Action:** Nick Cross will advise Ian Dittmer about this final version.  **Action:** Colette Meehan will arrange upload and advise Nick Cross when the document is visible so an email can be sent to all concerned. |
|  | Proposed NKAS Changes (For December) | Additional changes to Kidney Allocation Policy (post June 2021 version).  Another updated document will be presented to the Operations Group on 24 September and then to Strategic group on 3 December 2021 meeting.  Complex interaction changes to be sorted out including:   * Removal of pancreas allocation (with pancreas allocation document approval). * Communication document approval (so removal of 'damaged at retrieval' bit). * Proposed adjustment of waiting time to include all time from dialysis. |
|  | Waiting time start to be from dialysis start - implementation plan | Nick Cross has had discussions with Ian Dittmer and Heather Dunckley (NZBS).   * Computer fields will need to be reorganised. Two laboratory staff will oversee data entries for checking purposes. * Changes are expected to begin in January 2022.   **Action:** Nick Cross will advise about the impending changes; to coordinators (at October study day) and the reminder of the NZ Nephrology Group (October meeting).  There has been a suggestion that patient groups should be advised. There’s not full support for this. **Action:** Nick Cross will talk to patient group leaders to get advice on how widespread and to what depth the change information needs to be disseminated to patient groups. |
|  | Meeting with Funders Midyear | Nick Cross has a meeting scheduled with DHB funders for late August. At this stage there is no document for discussion.  Main points for discussion:   * Make sure DHB funders know who the ‘go to’ Nephrology and clinical leaders are in their DHB. * Coordinators contracts will terminate at the time the DHBs cease to exist. Must ensure these positions are continued and not lost in the wider health changes. * Securing the future of the NRTS/NRTLT. |
|  | ABOI DD Kidneys | Ian Dittmer (ARTG) is continuing to develop the protocol for ABOI DD Kidneys.  To date it has been shared for review with Wellington and Southern transplant groups for review. So far there is support for it and a desire to make the protocol work. |
|  | Coordinators’ Study Day 2021 | A date of the 15th of October has been proposed. Location will be Hawkes Bay. Agenda is being drafted by the organisers. Theme is ‘Vaccines in the time of Covid”. |
|  | COVID-19 Vaccine and Renal Transplant Advice | **Action:** Nick Cross will draft a reply from the discussions at Operations group meeting to sender and all coordinators and CDs in Nephrology. |
|  | Other business | None |

**Next Meeting: Operations Group, 24 September 2021. zoom**