



BACCN Representative on Project Group/Advisory
Board/Collaborative Work

Work Title: National Organ Donation Committee
Representative: Patricia McCready

Attend as part of the BACCN National Board to represent Critical Care Nurses

Date(s) : 10/11/20

Feedback:

- NHSBT are trying to protect the SNOD workforce from going back to the 'frontline' covid workforce as referrals and donations still ongoing.
- The service is under considerable strain at the moment (which is expected). Quick recovery from the first surge for referrals and donations.
- Less referrals from areas, which are presently surging (North West), which is to be expected.
- Planned team approaches to referrals are still proving to have better outcomes, using specialist nurses. SNODs are able to offer families time whereas the clinicians at the moment may not be in a position to do so.
- Higher consent rates during Apr-June (during pandemic surge time).
- Challenges are unsurprisingly COVID, staff shielding, lower donor pool, first time families visiting units are for EOL conversations after BBN, many colleagues in ITU low morale
- 10% increase in heart donations
- Organ Donation ambassadors have gone virtual due to the present situation with the pandemic.
- Presentation on the NIHR funded SIGNET Study – Will be the largest randomized controlled trial in organ donation. The trial will evaluate the benefits of Simvastatin given to organ donors on outcomes in organ recipients.

Next meeting: 9th February 2021 (Virtual)