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It's that time of year! Don't forget that BTS members can apply for a bursary to attend meetings and Band 7 Nurses and below enjoy reduced rates for the 3 days BTS Congress.

This year is a joint meeting with NHSBT with a varied and interesting programme. Look forward to seeing you in Harrogate.

Remember that voting closes soon for BTS Council! Please vote before noon on 13th February (email will be in your inbox from Online Voting). Your society, your vote counts!

Chapter News

We would like to wish Laura Stamp our very best wishes for her forthcoming maternity leave, and are delighted that Katie Morley from Papworth Hospital will take over the role of Recipient Lead, NHSBT, in her absence.

Chapter of Nurses

The current committee, with contact emails for the co-chairs for your comments, views and submissions:

Mark Roberts: mark.roberts@nhsbt.nhs.uk

Jen Lumsdaine: jen.lumsdaine@nhs.net

Julie Glen (Living Donation)

Diane Evans (Renal)

Sally Holmes (Education)

Lisa Burnapp (Living Donation Lead, NHSBT)

Nicola Johnson (Research)

Wendy Littlejohn (Liver)

Katie Morley (Heart and lung)

Laura Stamp (nee Ramsay) (Recipient lead, NHSBT)



Meet the Chapter of Nurses

This issue: Mark Roberts

Mark Roberts is Head of Commissioning Development at ODT and Co-chair of the BTS Chapter of Nurses

Within your role what special interest do you have?

I currently work in Commissioning and over the last couple of years I have been mostly involved in reviewing the laboratory service provision, namely HLA typing and microbiology screening for deceased organ donors. I also have an interest in continuous improvement methodologies following my involvement as the Business Lead in the ACCORD project which was an EU Joint Action.

NHSBT led on one of the Work Packages which examined end of life care for patients with a devastating brain injury across Europe and to explore the impact of those clinical decisions on the potential for organ donation. Following the study, a rapid improvement toolkit was developed which supported modifications in end of life care that maintained the possibility of organ donation. The toolkit was based on Plan Do Study Act (PDSA) methodology and we rolled out training across the UK and EU.

Suggest one change nurses can make to improve practice in your field?

It would be good to see more nurses getting involved and understanding the commissioning process. There are more opportunities opening up for nurses in commissioning and we are ideally placed to get involved in decision making and have a positive influence on changes in health care for the benefit of patients.

Best about BTS

I have been a member of the BTS for many years and I'm one of two nurses who currently have a seat on the council. The BTS is an inclusive society and represents all the varied health care professionals involved in the transplantation pathway and therefore it is important for nurses to have seats and a voice on the Council. The BTS can provide a platform with which to network, collaborate and share best practice with other nurses and clinicians working in the organ donation and transplant pathway.

News Update:

Lisa Burnapp reports back on the recent living donation meeting



Lisa Burnapp is Living Donation Lead, NHSBT and committee member of the BTS Chapter of Nurses

UK Living Kidney Donation Network

The first one-day meeting of the 'UK Living Kidney Donation Network' was held at the Birmingham MacDonald Hotel on Thursday 24th January 2019. The Network was set up in October 2017, following a similar model in Scotland, with the aim to increase engagement in living donor kidney transplantation in both transplanting and non-transplanting (referring) centres across the UK. It is chaired by Dr. Caroline Wroe, Consultant Nephrologist.

At the heart of the network is multi-disciplinary leadership from specialist nurses, nephrologists and transplant surgeons, endorsed by BTS and Renal Association (RA) with Dr. Katie Vinen, RA Lead for Living Donation taking an active role.

NHS Blood and Transplant, provide administrative and communication support for the network and sponsored the meeting, which was over-subscribed and well evaluated.

105 colleagues attended and a further 20 or more 'hopefuls' signed up for a place.

There was wide representation from nurses, nephrologists and surgeons involved in both recipient and donor care across the UK.

Attendees involved in recipient management, from advanced kidney care (low clearance) to transplantation, and in living donation were able to meet, share practice and discuss possible improvements to their programmes.

The meeting combined presentations from expert faculty, table top discussions, case-based clinical scenarios and improvement methodology to cover topics such as equity of access and missed opportunities in living donor kidney transplantation, streamlining the donor pathway and understanding the data and what it means to recipients and donors. Everyone left with a task to do at least one thing differently- to either improve or change their local programme. A follow-up survey will be attached to the quarterly network newsletter in 6 months' time to assess progress!

The meeting was a real example of MDT in action and it was a great opportunity for colleagues to truly network, interact and learn from one another. If you are interested in finding out more about the network and accessing newsletters and the latest presentations and resources, click here: <https://www.odt.nhs.uk/living-donation/uk-living-kidney-donation-network/> for further information.'