

**NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT
ORGAN DONATION & TRANSPLANTATION DIRECTORATE**

**HOSPITAL TRUST / BOARD REPORTS
SUMMARY PDA DATA**

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The following information is based on the hospital Trust/Board reports that were sent to Clinical Leads for Organ Donation, Chief Executives and Chairs of the Donation Committees in the UK in July 2013.
- 1.2 This report covers the 12 months from 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013 using data from the Potential Donor Audit (PDA). Plots of referral rate, approach rate, the proportion of approaches involving a Specialist Nurse - Organ Donation (SN-OD) and consent/authorisation rate were produced for donors after brain death (DBD) and donors after circulatory death (DCD). Additionally, a plot of neurological death testing rate was produced for DBD. These data are presented as 'funnel plots'.
- 1.3 The data are based on PDA forms completed on or before 6 June 2013. Some information for this time period may be outstanding due to late reporting and difficulties obtaining patient notes so the results summarised in this report are subject to change. Due to the national PDA definitions during the time period, patients aged 76 years or over and those who died in a cardiothoracic ICU or ward have been excluded from this report.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 The referral rate is the percentage of neurological death suspected, or imminent death anticipated, patients who were discussed with the SN-OD.
- 2.2 The approach rate is the percentage of eligible donor families approached for consent to/authorisation for donation.
- 2.4 The SN-OD involved rate is the percentage of families approached where the Specialist Nurse - Organ Donation was involved.
- 2.5 The consent/authorisation rate is the percentage of families approached that consented to/gave authorisation for donation.
- 2.6 The neurological death testing rate is the percentage of patients for whom neurological death was suspected who were tested.

3. INTERPRETING THE PLOTS

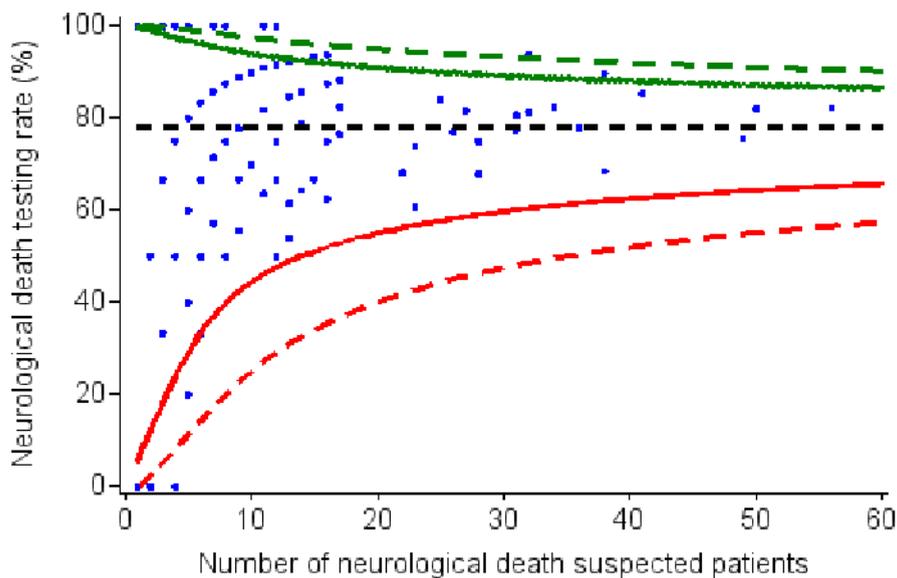
- 3.1 Each Trust/Board is represented on the plot as a dot. The national rate is shown on the plot as a horizontal dotted line, together with 95% and 99.8% confidence limits for this rate. These limits form a 'funnel', with the 95% limits shown as a solid line and the 99.8% limits shown as a dashed line. Graphs obtained in this way are known as funnel plots. One dot may represent more than one Trust/Board, for example, if two Trusts/Boards have the same number of the specified patient type and the same rate presented, only one dot will appear for the two Trusts/Boards.
- 3.2 If a Trust/Board lies within the 95% limits, then that Trust/Board has a rate that is statistically consistent with the national rate. If a Trust/Board lies outside the 95% confidence limits, this serves as an alert that the Trust/Board may have a rate that is significantly different from the national rate.

3.3 When a Trust/Board lies above the upper 99.8% limit, this indicates a rate that is significantly higher than the national rate, while a Trust/Board that lies below the lower limit has a rate that is significantly lower than the national rate. It is important to note that differences in patient mix have not been accounted for in these plots.

4. HOSPITAL TRUST/BOARD FUNNEL PLOTS, 1 April 2012 - 31 March 2013

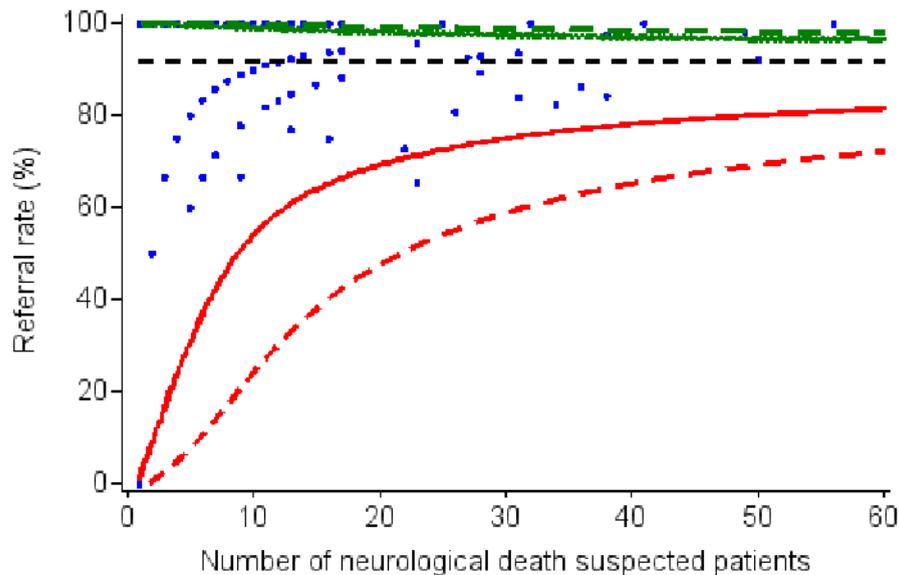
4.1 Neurological death testing rates for patients with suspected neurological death (ND) are shown in Figure 1. Of the Trusts/Boards with more than 10 patients with suspected neurological death, there are none that fall below the lower 95% confidence limit. Three Trusts/Boards have a significantly high testing rate, and three fall between the upper 95% and 99.8% confidence limits indicating potentially high testing rates.

Figure 1 Testing rate by number of ND suspected patients



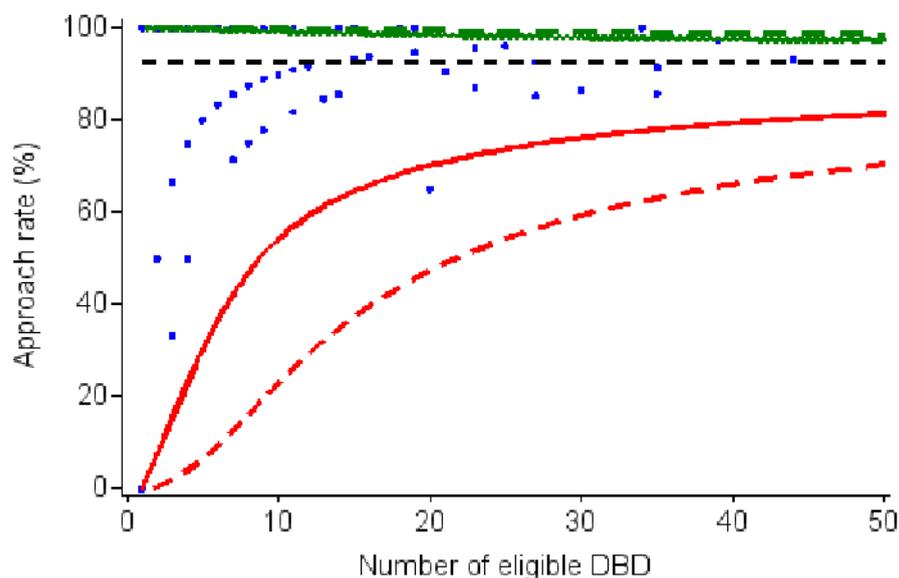
4.2 Figure 2 shows the referral rate for each Trust/Board by the number of patients with suspected neurological death. Compared with the national average, no Trusts/Boards with more than 10 patients with suspected neurological death have a significantly low referral rate, although many Trusts/Boards have a significantly high referral rate of 100%. Two Trusts/Boards have a rate lying between the lower 95% and 99.8% confidence limits, indicating a potentially low referral rate.

Figure 2 DBD referral rate by number of ND suspected patients



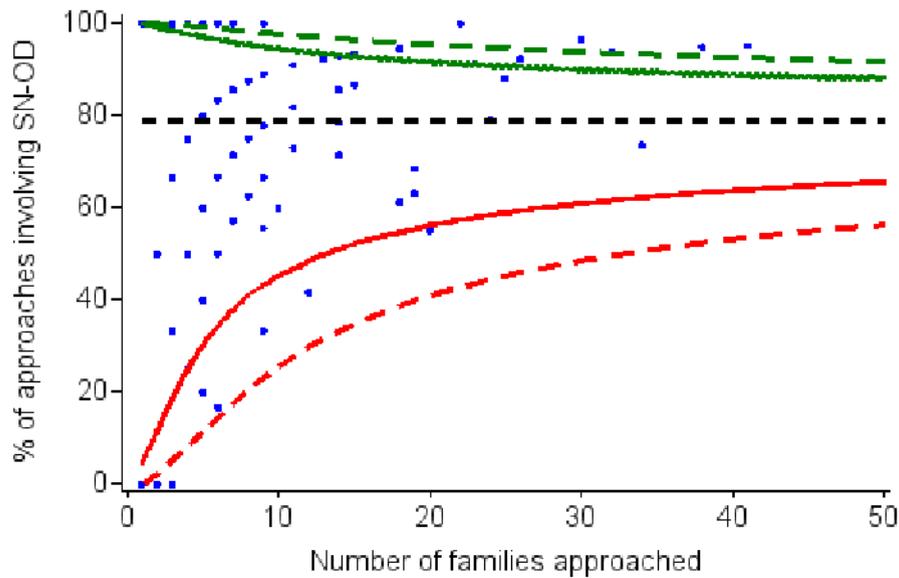
4.3 The approach rate of each Trust/Board against the number of eligible DBD is shown in Figure 3. There are several Trusts/Boards that have a significantly high approach rate of 100%. No Trusts/Boards have a significantly low DBD approach rate, but one Trust/Board has a rate lying between the lower 95% and 99.8% confidence limits, indicating a potentially low DBD approach rate.

Figure 3 DBD approach rate by number of eligible DBD



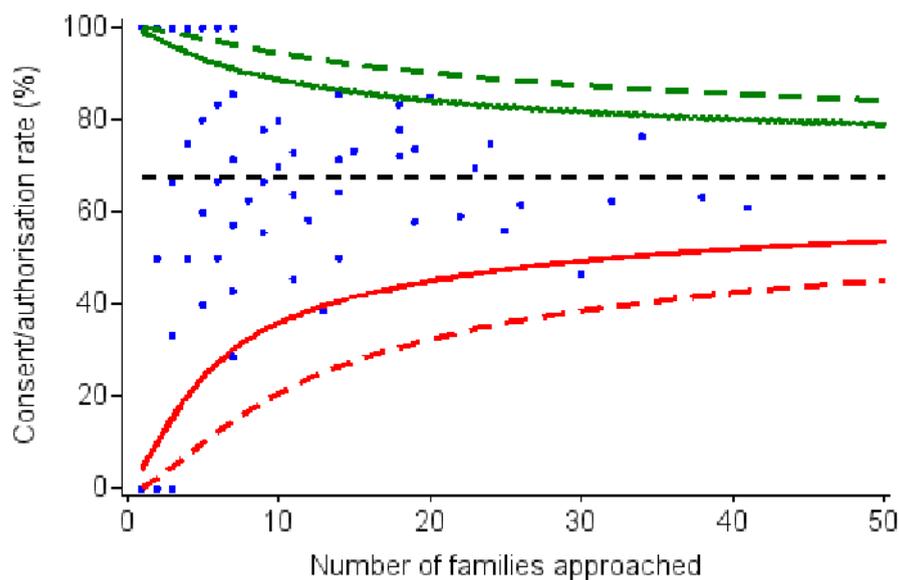
4.4 The proportion of approaches that involved a SN-OD at each Trust/Board against the number of families that were approached for consent to/authorisation for DBD donation is shown in Figure 4. Of the Trusts/Boards with more than 10 families approached, several have a significantly high SN-OD involved rate, but none are significantly low. There are three Trusts/Boards that have a SN-OD involved rate between the upper 95% and 99.8% confidence limits, and two between the lower 95% and 99.8% confidence limits.

Figure 4 DBD SN-OD involved rate by number of families approached



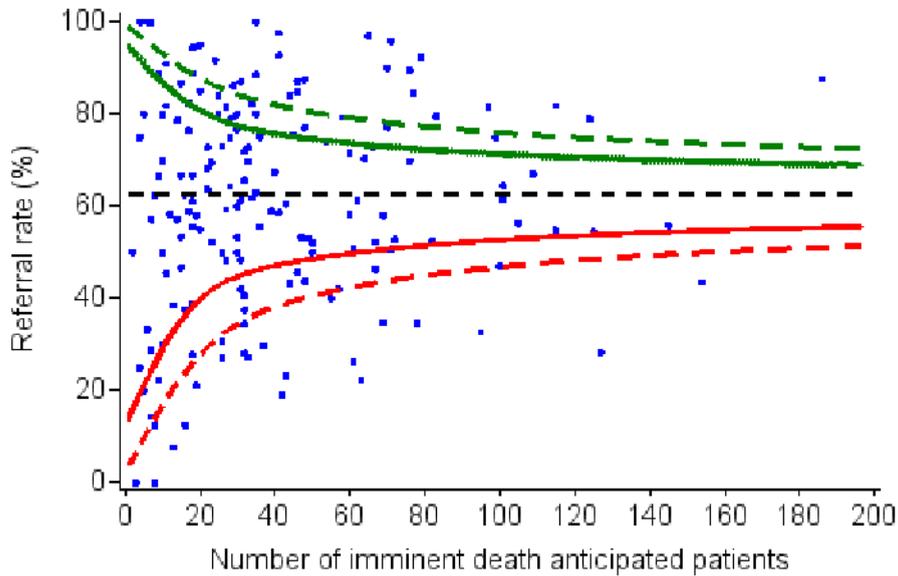
4.5 The consent/authorisation rate of each Trust/Board against the number of families that were approached for consent to/authorisation for DBD donation is shown in Figure 5. Of the Trusts/Boards with more than 10 families approached, none have a significantly high or low consent/authorisation rate. There are a small number of Trusts/Boards that have a consent/authorisation rate falling between the 95% and 99.8% confidence limits.

Figure 5 DBD consent/authorisation rate by number of families approached



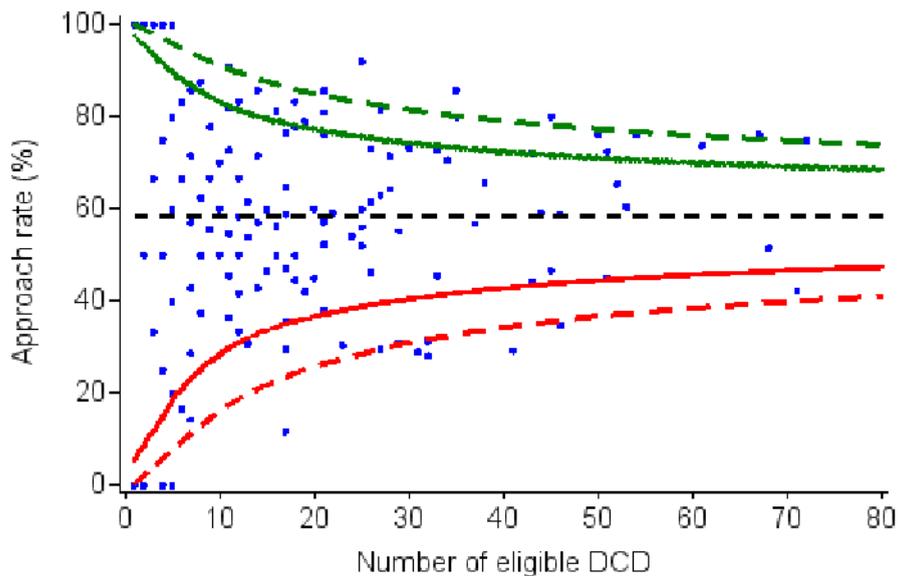
4.6 Figure 6 shows the referral rates of imminent death anticipated patients across the Trusts/Boards. There is a large amount of variation in the referral rates for the Trusts/Boards, many have significantly high referral rates and many have significantly low referral rates.

Figure 6 DCD referral rate by number of imminent death anticipated patients



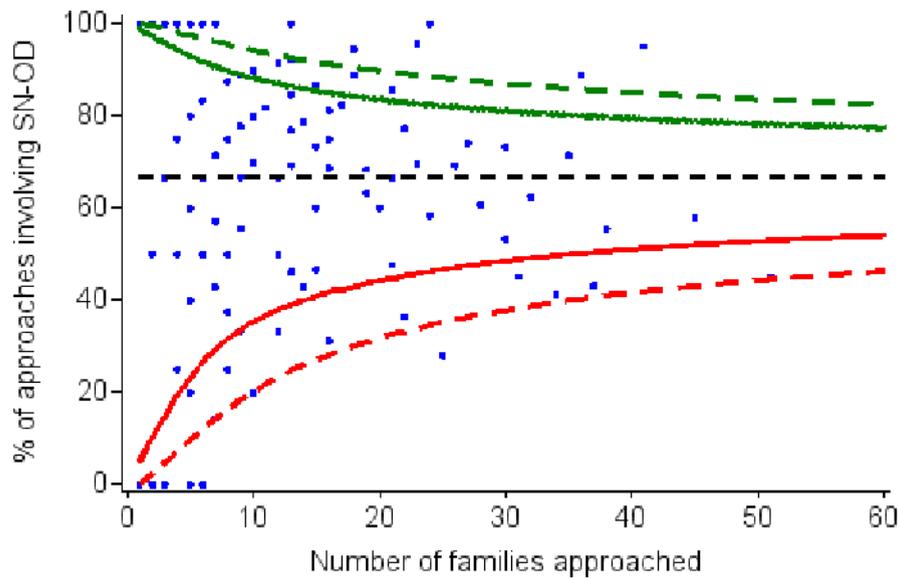
4.7 The approach rate of eligible DCD families approached for consent to/authorisation for donation is shown in Figure 7. There are several Trusts/Boards with more than 10 eligible DCD patients with significantly high and low approach rates.

Figure 7 DCD approach rate by number of eligible DCD



4.8 The proportion of DCD family approaches involving a SN-OD against the number of families approached for DCD donation is shown in Figure 8. There are several Trusts/Boards (who have approached more than 10 families) that have significantly high SN-OD involved rates compared with the national average and one with a significantly low rate. There are also several Trusts/Boards that fall between the 95% and 99.8% confidence limits.

Figure 8 SN-OD involved rate by number of families approached



4.9 The consent/authorisation rate of families approached for consent to/authorisation for DCD donation is shown in Figure 9. Of the Trust/Boards that approached more than 10 families, one had a significantly high consent/ authorisation rate compared with the national average but none were significantly low. Also, of the Trust/Boards that approached more than 10 families, one Trust/Board lies between each of the upper and lower 95% and 99.8% confidence limits.

Figure 9 DCD consent/authorisation rate by number of families approached

