



Transplant First patient Information workstream

The initial plan for the patient information Workstream for the transplant first project in the west midlands was to gain consensus and develop some patient information leaflets which would be used across all of the local west midlands units.

We initially gathered all the information leaflets that were in use in the participating units and distributed them and made them available on the website for comments.

We invited our patient partners to comment on what they did and didn't like about the various leaflets available and what they thought was ideal.

The initial response to our request was limited so we approached our wider stakeholders for further opinion.

The responses we received were very varied – some liked the very detailed leaflets whereas others stated there was too much information in some and preferred the very simple ones. It was therefore difficult to develop a one size fits all leaflet.

Following discussions we decided that the most appropriate thing to do was to develop some guidelines on what patient information should look like and contain rather than developing actual leaflets.

www.thinkkidneys.nhs.uk/kquip/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2017/08/Transplant-First-Patient-Information-Guidelines-Final-June-2017.pdf

There are nationally available leaflets which are very informative regarding various aspects of organ donation and transplantation but it was also recognised that people may require information tailored to their local services

Kidney care UK has some very informative leaflets available on their website

<https://www.kidneycareuk.org/about-kidney-health/order-or-download-booklets>

Further information can also be found on the kidney research UK website and NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT)

<https://www.kidneyresearchuk.org/health-information/kidney-transplantation>

<https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk>

<https://www.organdonation.nhs.uk>

<https://www.organdonation.nhs.uk/about-donation/living-donation>