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Our ref: MOC/ 281644

Dear Mrs McDonnell

**Re: Information request**

Thank you for your request dated 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015, for information from NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) regarding statistics on patients who are citizens of the Republic of Ireland (ROI) who travelled to England to receive transplants from 2010-2015.

I am writing to advise you that we are able to provide you with the following information in response to your request.

**The number of ROI patients who travelled to England to receive transplants under the NHS (from 2010-2015).**

**The hospitals (or the location of hospitals if hospital name cannot be disclosed) that they were treated in and the number of ROI transplant patients per hospital/location (from 2010-2015).**

**Reasons given for transplant e.g. cystic fibrosis.**

**A breakdown of the age of the ROI patients who travelled for transplants between 2010 and 2015.**

Every effort is made to ensure that a donated organ does not go to waste if there is someone who can benefit. Donated organs/tissue are made available to any hospital in the UK where there is a patient in need. NHSBT staff identify whether there are any urgent cases, with blood group or age compatibility, in any of the transplant centres. Sometimes there are no suitable patients anywhere in the UK but a reciprocal arrangement with the European Union enables donor organs to be offered to other EU countries. This co-operation increases the chance of a suitable recipient being found, ensuring that precious organs or tissue do not go to waste

The UK has special arrangements with the Republic of Ireland so that some patients from Ireland will come to the UK for the transplant procedure where units in the UK have particular expertise. The sharing of organs represents a very small proportion of the UK transplant activity and is set up to ensure that all donated organs are used whenever appropriate.

a) Table- Number of ROI patients who travelled to a transplant unit in England to receive a transplant January 2010- February 2015

Transplant Unit	Number of patients
Gt Ormond St	10
Royal London	1
Newcastle Freeman	25
Manchester Wythenshawe	1
London Kings College	33
Birmingham QE	4
Total	74

Source: NHS Blood and Transplant

b) Table- Age of ROI patients who travelled to England to receive transplant January 2010- February 2015

Recipient age	Number of patients
Paediatric*	36
Adult**	38
Total	74

Source: NHS Blood and Transplant

Note:\* patient under 18

\*\* patient over 18

c) Table- Recorded reason given for transplant January 2010- - February 2015

Primary disease	Number of patients
Primary oxalosis	2
Bilateral small kidneys	1
Congenital heart disease	3
Dilated cardiomyopathy	8
Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy	1
Restrictive cardiomyopathy	1
Cystic fibrosis	21
Fibrosing lung disease	1
Emphysema	1
Cryptogenic cirrhosis	1
Biliary atresia	13
Acute hepatic failure	7
Hepatocellular carcinoma - cirrhotic	2
Hepatoblastoma	1
Other primary malignancy	2
Other metabolic liver disease	2
Graft v host disease	1
Progressive familial intrahepatic cholestasis	1
Chronic rejection	1
Allagilles syndrome	1
Early graft dysfunction	1

Hepatic artery thrombosis	1
Other	1
Total	74

Source: NHS Blood and Transplant

The information requested is provided in the attached spreadsheet.

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I hope this is helpful in addressing your questions. Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely



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