

The British Transplantation Society welcomes the recommendations made by Elisabeth Buggins in her report which provides clear guidance to the transplant community.

The Society agrees that it is essential that the allocation of organs for transplantation is both transparent and fair. The Society welcomes the proposal to discontinue separate payments being made to transplant teams and hospitals and ensure that resources are made available centrally for transparently equitable distribution. This move will provide further reassurance that priority for a transplant will be given to those patients in greatest need.

The Society welcomes the proposal to clarify the arrangements for the treatment of non-UK patients and would encourage the Secretary of State to pursue this without delay.

The Society hopes that these recommendations will help to ensure public confidence in the allocation of organs for transplantation. The main obstacle to providing life-saving transplants for the thousands of patients currently languishing on the UK waiting list is the lack of donor organs; the Society hopes that this report will encourage an increase in organ donation, and with it the significant alleviation of the suffering of our patients.