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More Trust renal patients receiving transplants than ever before



Above: The Trust's transplant co-ordinators with Dr Sarah Fluck (second left)

Stevenage, UK – 26 March 2018 – Nearly 80 renal patients were put forward for a transplant last year and received new kidneys at one of the Trusts three transplant providers, an 18% increase on the previous year.

Speaking about the team's performance, the Trust's clinical lead for renal transplantation, Dr Sarah Fluck said:

“A kidney transplant can transform the life of a patient with kidney failure, which is why I want to thank the generosity of our donors and their families. This is a fantastic achievement by the renal transplant team and has been made possible through positive and strong relationships with our patients and the transplant centres we work with, as well as the commitment and dedication of staff in the Lister's renal department.”

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Patients who may need a kidney transplant are assessed by a nephrologist first, who will decide whether they are healthy enough to receive a new kidney and if the benefits of a transplant outweigh the risks. If a transplant is the best option, the nephrologist will then refer the patient to the Lister's transplant team, where a transplant co-ordinator will go through the process in detail and arrange the relevant tests. The team similarly work with and prepare people wishing to donate a kidney.

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The East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust

The Trust provides a wide range of acute and tertiary care services from four hospitals, namely the: Lister in Stevenage; New QEII in Welwyn Garden City; Hertford County in Hertford; and the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre in Northwood, Middlesex

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