Message from Dr Fergus Caskey, Medical Director for the UK Renal Registry

Dear Clinical Director colleagues in England, Wales and Northern Ireland,

We have now uploaded many of UK Renal Registry data files for Q1 of 2015 and some renal units have not been able to submit acute dialysis/plasma exchange data as part of the standard extract.

I thought it would therefore be helpful to clarify the UK Renal Registry’s position on submission of the “dialysis and plasma exchange for AKI” data.

1. All acute dialysis/plasma exchange data must be submitted as part of the standard UK Renal Registry extract. We do not have the capacity to accept the data in a range of other formats.

2. It will not be possible to backfill acute dialysis/plasma exchange activity in subsequent quarters. Only acute dialysis activity commencing in the quarter being submitted, or relating to a chronic patients starting in that quarter, will be accepted, validated and loaded.

3. The acute dialysis/plasma exchange data is fully specified in the UK Renal Registry data set (on the website), but of note includes both the timeline entry (the TXT block) and the dialysis session/activity data (the QHD block).

We have had to make these decisions to ensure the quality and timeliness of the data which I am sure we will all agree is essential if the data are to be used for audit and quality assurance.

With kind regards

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