

24 Hours OnCall for Transplant



An Ethnographical study of the effects of an on-call service on the everyday life of Renal Transplant Coordinators

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The aim of the study was to explore in detail the impact of a 24 hour on-call on everyday life for the renal transplant coordinators based at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

This is in the context of an increasing number of transplants in the UK and a concern over transplant team resilience. There is also a need for preparation predicting a further increase in organ donation with the implementation of the UK Organ Donor Register.

An understanding of the impact of the on-call service for the transplant coordinators, on their everyday life is a key factor in developing and sustaining a robust on-call service. Those best placed to describe the needs of a service are the practitioners that are directly involved.

Accepting an offer and seeing it through is a controlled type of experience. It is more frequent that you get an offer and it is difficult to return to sleep and often over think things.



