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Welcome to the 2019 World Transplant Games in NewcastleGateshead. We are really delighted to be hosting the Games and, as chair of the Local Organising Committee, it has been very exciting to see the plans for the Games come to fruition.

We have secured some world class venues within the region, ensuring participants enjoy fantastic facilities. These include the IAAF athletics standard Gateshead International Stadium, the superb Sunderland Aquatic Centre, the new purpose built Eagles Community Arena, the picturesque Close House Golf Resort and the state-of-the-art complex at Sport Central at Northumbria University which will be hosting the thrilling opening ceremony as well as badminton and table tennis.

We have a fabulous social and cultural programme lined up for participants, from the Opening Parade to the ‘Tyne Takeover’ cultural evening at the renowned Centre for Life and culminating in the final Gala Celebration with entertainment from the Bootleg Beatles. We are also pleased to be involving the local community at the Games with the Gift of Life run and a special Sports Science Event.

I would like to thank our delivery partners, supporters and sponsors for working with us to make this a World Transplant Games to remember. In addition, thanks to all the venues and accommodation providers for providing full use of their excellent facilities.

I must also thank all of my colleagues on the Local Organising Committee who have worked tirelessly over the last two years to help stage, what we are certain will be, the best Games ever. The tremendous effort from everyone will provide you with a professional, efficient and incredibly friendly Games here in NewcastleGateshead.

Finally, I must pay tribute to all the competitors and donor families participating in the Games. You are a true inspiration to everyone. We are honoured to be able to welcome an inspiring celebration of human courage and physical fitness to the North East.

_Graham Wylie, chairman of the World Transplant Games NewcastleGateshead 2019_
1. Introduction to the World Transplant Games

The summer World Transplant Games is the largest organ donor awareness event in the world. Held every two years, the Games welcome participants aged as young as four right through to those aged over 80 from all over the world. It consistently attracts close to 2,500 participants from over 60 different countries with athletes, medical professionals, donor families, living donors and supporters all involved.

As well as promoting the benefits of sports, the Games are a celebration of life and include many social and cultural events including opening and closing ceremonies, cultural evenings and donor recognition events. All transplant athletes are ambassadors for the value of organ donation and give hope to people on transplant waiting lists.

One of the primary aims of the Games is to raise awareness of organ donation. Sadly, around three people every day die in need of an organ transplant in the UK. Anyone can register to donate their organs and tissue when they die, regardless of their age or medical conditions.

Becoming an organ donor only takes a few minutes if you register online but can bring a lifetime of health and happiness to those who are waiting for a transplant. It is important to pass on your wishes to your family, as well as signing the organ donor register.

All transplant athletes are ambassadors for the value of organ donation and give hope to people on transplant waiting lists. The World Transplant Games give recipients the motivation to strive towards full rehabilitation through exercise, camaraderie and healthy living. They also provide them with a way of saying ‘thank you’ to those who made it all possible – the donors, their families, health professionals, researchers and carers. Without them, there would be nobody on the starting line.
2. History of the World Transplant Games

Established in 1978, the World Transplant Games Federation (WTGF) is a worldwide organisation, with representation from more than 60 countries, that celebrates successful transplantation and the gift of life through unique and inspiring events – namely the Summer and Winter World Transplant Games.

The principle aim of the Federation is to raise public awareness of the importance and benefits of organ donation by demonstrating the health and fitness that can be achieved post-transplant. Equally, the Federation encourages all recipients to remain fit and healthy post-transplant.

WTGF aims to educate the public on the principles of organ donation and to highlight the worldwide shortage of donor organs. The International Olympic Committee recognises the Games and actively promotes the benefits of sport at all levels and fair play for transplant recipients.
3. Sports taking place at the Games

The core sports at the World Transplant Games include Archery, Athletics, Basketball, Swimming, Golf, Road Race, Cycling, Badminton, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Petanque, Tennis, Squash, Tenpin Bowling. The Local Organising Committee has chosen the additional sports of Darts and Football to take place in Newcastle Gateshead.

Fifteen amazing venues across the region, including the IAAF athletics standard Gateshead International Stadium, the new purpose-built Eagles Community Arena and the picturesque Close House Golf Resort, will play host to the 16 sporting events.

A full rundown of the sporting rules for the Games can be found here:
4. Sporting facilities

**Venue:** Close House Golf Resort (Heddon on the Wall, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 0HT - Sat Nav postcode NE41 8BL)

**Sport:** Golf

**Description:** Close House is the home of the world’s only 2 Lee Westwood golf courses, and the North-East’s only PGA Golf Academy. Close House was the official venue of the 2017 British Masters on the European Tour and will be hosting this event again in summer 2020. Set in the picturesque Tyne Valley, the 250-year old Close House estate grounds are to the west of Newcastle nestled between the banks of the River Tyne and the ancient remains of Hadrian’s Wall. The golf facilities include two 18-hole golf courses, a 9-hole pitch & putt course and a clubhouse/restaurant.

**Media area:** No specific media area but open to media. Please seek out officials when you arrive at the venue.

**Venue:** Eagles Community Arena (Scotswood Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7AF)

**Sport:** Basketball

**Description:** The Eagles Community Arena is a brand new, multi-purpose arena in the west of Newcastle City Centre. It is home to the Newcastle Eagles, the most successful British basketball team of all-time, and the Eagles Community Foundation charitable trust. The three-court sports facility is state-of-the-art and transforms into a 2,800 seat venue for sport events, live entertainment and much more. Fast becoming a landmark on one of the main roads into and out of the city, Scotswood Road, the arena is emblazoned with an iconic Eagle illuminating the night sky.

**Media area:** Yes.

**Venue:** Gateshead International Stadium (Neilson Rd, Gateshead NE10 0EF)

**Sport:** Archery, Athletics, Football and Volleyball

**Description:** Gateshead International Stadium is the third largest sporting venue in Tyne and Wear, with a capacity of 11,800 people. Located south of the River Tyne in Gateshead, the stadium is the North East’s only IAAF-standard athletics stadium with additional facilities including five outdoor pitches and a multi-sports hall.

**Media area:** Yes.
Venue: Hetton Lyons Country Park  (Downs Pit Lane, Hetton-Le-Hole, County Durham, DH5 9NL)
Sport: Cycling 30km
Description: A former colliery site, this 19 hectare picturesque countryside park features several ponds and lakes. As part of the national cycling network there are dedicated cycling tracks and trails throughout the park as well as multiple picnic tables and benches. The park is located on the Durham/Sunderland border and is south of Newcastle and south west of Sunderland.
Media area: No specific media area but open to media. Please seek out officials when you arrive at the venue.

Venue: Hollywood Bowl Washington  (Galleries Retail Park, Washington, County Durham, NE38 7SB)
Sport: Bowling
Description: Hollywood Bowl is located on the Galleries Retail Park, to the west of the city of Sunderland and south of the city of Newcastle. With 26 state-of-the-art lanes, a large amusements area including Play for Prizes ticket machines and fantastic food and drink, Hollywood Bowl Washington is the premier place to go bowling in the area.
Media area: No specific media area but open to media. Please seek out officials when you arrive at the venue.

Venue: NAMCO Funscape  (Yellow Mall, 244 Metrocentre, Gateshead NE11 9XY)
Sport: Bowling
Description: NAMCO Funscape is located within the Metrocentre in Gateshead, to the south west of the city of Newcastle. The venue offers 18 bowling lanes as well as a wide range of other family-related entertainment activities.
Media area: No specific media area but open to media. Please seek out officials when you arrive at the venue.

Venue: The Northumberland Club  (North Jesmond Avenue, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 3JU)
Sport: Squash and Tennis
Description: The Northumberland Club is the premier racket sports venue in the North East of England with an onsite pavilion which houses an array of group fitness activities. The club
is set in beautiful tree-lined grounds and hosts numerous regional, national and international tournaments each year.

**Media area:** No specific media area but open to media. Please seek out officials when you arrive at the venue.

**Venue:** Sage Gateshead - Performance Square & Mill Road Car Park (Gateshead Quays, Gateshead, NE8 2JR / NE8 5JB)

**Sport:** Petanque

**Description:** The Petanque will take place in the Mill Road Car Park which is located just below Sage Gateshead. Sage Gateshead is a spectacular international music venue which welcomes more than two million visitors every year with more than 400 concerts and 10,000 music classes. It is free to visit and offers stunning views of NewcastleGateshead Quayside and a great vantage point overlooking Gateshead Millennium Bridge.

**Media area:** No specific media area but open to media. Please seek out officials when you arrive at the venue.

**Venue:** Sport Central (Northumbria University, Northumberland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8ST)

**Sport:** Badminton and Table Tennis

**Description:** Sport Central is home to the hopes and aspirations of thousands of Northumbria University students, staff and members of the North East community. A stunning £30m state of the art complex, situated in the heart of Newcastle city centre, Sport Central is one of Tyneside’s most iconic and invaluable sporting venues offering a range of sporting facilities, including a highly versatile arena.

**Media area:** Yes.

**Venue:** St James’ Park (Strawberry Place, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4ST)

**Sport:** Darts

**Description:** Since 1892, Newcastle United Football Club has brought a community together and their iconic home - St. James’ Park - has set the city's heart beating. Visitors from all over the world have descended upon ‘the Cathedral on the Hill’ and this year the venue will warmly welcome the World Transplant Games’ Darts competitors, their families and supporters.

**Media area:** No specific media area but open to media. Please seek out officials when you arrive at the venue.
Venue: Sunderland Aquatic Centre (Stadium Park, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, SR5 1SU)
Sport: Swimming
Description: More than just a swimming pool, Sunderland Aquatic Centre offers a huge range of fitness and activity options. Located next to the Stadium of Light football stadium in the city of Sunderland, its main feature is the 50m main swimming pool which is the only facility of its type in North East England.
Media area: Yes.

Venue: Town Moor/Exhibition Park (Claremont Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 4PZ)
Sport: Gift of Life 5k adult run, Gift of Life 3k children’s run
Description: The Town Moor and Exhibition Park are urban green spaces. The Town Moor is a large area of common land covering around 400 hectares of open space and pastureland, acting as a firm favourite for any park run. The neighbouring Exhibition Park offers a range of facilities for all the family.
Media area: No specific media area but open to media. Please seek out officials when you arrive at the venue.

Venue: Quayside (Baltic Square, Gateshead, NE8 3BA)
Sport: Cycling Time Trial
Description: The Cycling Time Trial will take place along the banks of the River Tyne, along NewcastleGateshead Quayside. The Quayside played a central part of the city’s industrial heritage serving as a commercial dockside, but after years of regeneration it is now one of the liveliest spots with cafés and vantage points on both sides of the river.
Media area: No specific media area but open to media. Please seek out officials when you arrive at the venue.

For further information about media access at the venues please contact Michele.McCallion@ngi.org.uk or Finlay.Magowan@ngi.org.uk or call 07766 802 954.
5. Background and statistics

Participants from 60 countries across the world are participating in the World Transplant Games in NewcastleGateshead. Athletes are travelling from far and wide, with several countries taking part for the first time, including; Azerbaijan, Ethiopia, Kenya and Andorra.

Facts about the World Transplant Games NewcastleGateshead 2019

- 2,237 participants are taking part.
- 60 countries are represented.
- There are 16 sporting events taking place across 15 venues.
- The youngest participant is a 6-year-old Argentinian girl.
- The oldest participant is an 84-year-old French man.
- Team GB is the biggest team with 510 competitors, followed by USA with 214.
- The most popular sport is athletics which has 1,594 entries.
- 800 volunteers will be on hand to provide a warm Geordie welcome.

Facts about the World Transplant Games

- The first World Transplant Games took place in Portsmouth in 1978.
- The Games have been held all around the world, including New York, Bangkok and the Australian Gold Coast.
- NewcastleGateshead is the first UK host since Manchester in 1995.

Facts about organ donation

United Kingdom

- Over 6,000 people are waiting for a transplant in the UK.
- Over 1,000 people have received a transplant since April 2019.
- For up to date UK statistics visit www.organdonation.nhs.uk/helping-you-to-decide/about-organ-donation/statistics-about-organ-donation/
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6. Athlete stories

Name: Tim Abercrombie  
Team: GB  
Event: Golf  
Story: Tim’s daughter Charlotte was born in 1998 with many complications and has undergone many operations in her lifetime. One such complication was that she was born with only 1 kidney which was only working at 20%.

Doctors said her quality of life would be poor and didn’t expect her to live long but if she did they expected her to need haemodialysis by the time she was 4, and true to their predictions she began dialysis in her 4th year.

She was put on the organ donor register awaiting a suitable donor. 4 long and stressful years passed as Charlotte endured 3 very long days per week travelling the 80 miles round trip to Newcastle RVI via hospital taxis and up to 5 hours on dialysis – all the time hoping and praying for the call that a kidney match had been found.

Due to medical advances it became possible for Tim to donate his kidney. On 21 September 2006, after 4 years on haemodialysis, Charlotte who was then 8, received a kidney transplant which totally changed her life and the lives of her close family and friends.

Available for interview? Yes

Name: Seb Stiemer  
Team: Holland  
Event: Athletics  
Story: Sieb Stiemer is 11 years old and an active athlete. Athletics means everything to Sieb and there is a special for reason for this - when he was 3 years old he had a liver transplant. Sieb had a metabolic disease GSD 4 and the liver converted into a liver cirrhosis. Since his liver transplant he has competed in several sports but he particularly enjoys athletics.
Sieb has worked hard from a young age and now trains as a junior three times a week at the athletic association Av Oss 78. He has already won several awards, become regional champion and recently Dutch shot put champion. He is super proud to be the youngest member of the Dutch team for the World Transplant Games.

Available for interview? Yes

Name: Gill Childs and Ryan Dobinson
Team: GB
Event: Gill – swimming and 5k, Ryan – track athlete.
Story: Gill Childs donated a kidney to her son Ryan, then aged 15, in 2010 and since then his life has improved dramatically. Ryan has his sights set on a gold in field events at Gateshead International Stadium and Gill will take part in the 50m freestyle swim at Sunderland Aquatic Centre and the 5km run. Gill scooped a bronze in 5km at the 2017 World Transplant Games in Malaga so is aiming for gold on home soil.

Available for interview? Yes

Name: Louise McLellan
Team: GB
Event: Swimming
Story: Louise McLellan is a Team GB heart transplant swimmer. Louise was born with a complex congenital heart disorder and underwent a number of heart surgeries during her 20s and 30s. In 2013 she was entering multi organ failure and was put on the emergency heart transplant list – receiving the gift of life 6 weeks later.

Since her transplant Louise has gone from hardly being able to walk half a mile to running, swimming and cycling. Louise took part in her first British Transplant Games in 2018 in Birmingham and is looking forward to representing her country in her first World Transplant Games on home soil.

Available for interview? Yes

Name: Chake and Alek (surname TBC)
Team: France
Event: Alek – Swimming, Athletics and Petanque & Chake – Athletics and swimming
Story: Live donor mother Chake donated part of her liver to her son Alek when he was a baby. Alek now lives an active lifestyle and enjoys sport, especially the butterfly in
swimming. Chake is honoured to have given her son a piece her liver and they are both looking forward to competing in the World Transplant Games.

**Name:** Davies Kollannur  
**Team:** India  
**Event:** Badminton singles  
**Story:** Davies is a true sportsman on and off the field. His inspiring story began with a kidney transplant in 2001. He started playing badminton 3 months post-transplant and continued to focus on sports and fitness. In March 2014, he was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia and underwent chemotherapy, due to which he had to stop all immunosuppressive medication. This led to organ rejection, so in January 2016 he underwent a second renal transplant.

Davies has an impressive track record at both National and International Transplant Sporting events, winning several medals. He is a superb example of how a positive spirit and continued fitness can help one survive difficult medical situations. His perseverance is an inspiration to many. Davies also works as a Transplant Coordinator, serving the cause that saved his life twice.

**Name:** Balveer Singh  
**Team:** India  
**Event:** Badminton and Table Tennis  
**Story:** Balveer had a kidney transplant in 2011. Although he has no formal training in badminton, Balveer has trained hard and become a skilled badminton player and coach with in-depth knowledge of the game.

Balveer consistently motivates and inspires players to bring their best to the game. He has won many medals at the transplant sporting events, including gold at the previous two World Transplant Games. He sets the bar high and is an inspiration to many in India to become organ donors and shows all that it is possible to lead a fit and normal life post an organ transplant.

**Name:** Reena Raju  
**Team:** India  
**Event:** Team Manager
**Story:** Reena is a former athlete (hockey player and track and field), a former vocalist and guitarist, and a strong proponent for the cause of organ Donation and Transplantation in India. She founded a registered Charitable Trust that works towards making organ transplantation a viable option for patients in India. The charity creates awareness of organ donation, counsel pre/post-transplant patients/patient families for free and raise funds to gift expensive immune suppression medicines to organ recipients in need.

Reena became the first woman transplant athlete from India in 2017. She participated in 100m sprint and badminton mixed doubles. Unfortunately she was diagnosed with Endometriosis at the beginning of 2019, so she is not able to compete at the 2019 Games but she has been appointed as the India Team Manager. Reena has been very active in encouraging more people to get involved with transplant sport. Three of the Indian team have experiencing of competing but the remaining 11 athletes and 6 supporters are very excited to witness and participate in the 2019 Games for the first time.
8. Photography

You can find a range of images of the Games, venues, sporting events and social programme here:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/01mbwewwx0nd6ht/AABJIPsSTv72GYe1dhB6UaZpa?dl=0

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For any further image requests see the contacts page on p.20.
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Newcastle City Council

Newcastle upon Tyne is a Metropolitan district with 26 wards in the city represented by 78 councillors. Newcastle City Council delivers over 200 different services for residents, businesses and visitors ranging from social care to economic development.

Gateshead Council

The borough has hosted regional, national and international sporting events throughout the years and welcomed some of the world’s best sporting talent. Gateshead is not only famous for its love of sports but also the cultural regeneration which has taken place over the last three decades.

Sunderland City Council

Sunderland is home to over 277,000 residents, across 60 neighbourhoods. Sunderland City Council delivers hundreds of services to those living, working, visiting or studying in the city. Sunderland has a proud history of delivering huge events – from outdoor concerts at the Stadium of Light and the annual Sunderland Airshow, celebrating its 31st anniversary this year, to welcoming 50 Tall Ships and over 1 million visitors at the Tall Ships Races 2018. The city also has a strong sporting heritage and boasts a wide range of first-class sporting facilities for beginners and professionals alike to enjoy.

Newcastle University

Leading researchers from the University work with clinicians at the Institute of Transplantation to bring scientific development from the laboratory bench to the bedside. The University consistently finishes within the top 10 of the British Universities and Colleges
Sport (BUCS) rankings. The Performance Sport Programme aims to maximise the performance of its representative teams and individual athletes within the BUCS programme and national leagues.

Northumbria University

Northumbria University, Newcastle has been delivering programmes in sport, exercise and rehabilitation for over 30 years. Students benefit from some of the best facilities in the country, including specialist physiology, biomechanics and nutrition laboratories, strength and conditioning suites and an indoor sprint track.

Newcastle Upon Tyne NHS Foundation Trust

Newcastle is a national leader in the field of solid organ transplantation and the Freeman Hospital is internationally renowned having a number of “firsts” to its credit. Surgeons performed the first successful heart transplant for a baby in the UK in 1987 and this was followed by the first successful single lung transplant in Europe and then the first successful double lung transplant in Europe in 1990.

Donor Family Network

We have developed a National Memorial to organ and tissue donors and recipients, sited at the National Arboretum at Alrewas, near Lichfield in Staffordshire. We hold an annual service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving, together with family gatherings. We are involved in all aspects of transplantation, sitting on numerous committees. We are also an integral part of the British Transplant Games and the World Transplant Games 2019 in NewcastleGateshead.

NHS Blood and Transplant

Dedicated to saving lives. NHS Blood and Transplant provide a blood and transplantation service to the NHS, looking after blood donation services in England and transplant services across the UK. This includes managing the donation, storage and transplantation of blood, organs, tissues, bone marrow and stem cells, and researching new treatments and processes.
The Games have been supported by a number of organisations:

Games Sponsors:

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- **HSBC**

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Games Supporter:

- **NHS Blood and Transplant**

  NHS Blood and Transplant is a joint England and Wales Special Health Authority. We provide the blood donation service for England and the organ donation service for the UK. We also provide donated tissues, stem cells and cord blood. We are an essential part of the NHS, saving and improving lives through public donation.

Sports and uniforms sponsors & supporters:

- **PHA UK** – Petanque Supporter
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• **Tombola** – Swimming Sponsor
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• **Sage UK** – sponsor of Sage 6k, fundraiser and volunteer programme supporter
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• **Frontier Group** – Games Telecommunications Provider and fundraiser
• **TSG** – Laptop Provider, and fundraiser and volunteer programme supporter
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• **United Carlton** – Photocopier and Paper Supplier, fundraiser and volunteer programme supporter
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• Accenture
• Nimmy Dean & Family
• The Jemima Layzell Trust
• Parkdean – printed raffle tickets, donated prizes, fundraiser and volunteer supporter
• Home Group - fundraiser and volunteer programme supporter
• AON – fundraiser and volunteer programme supporter
• Berry’s Jewellers – donated raffle prize and fundraiser

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