

**PUBLIC MEETING: Open Discussion on Living Donor Liver  
Transplantation**  
**7pm, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010, Freeman Hospital**

The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust intends to begin to offer NHS Living Donor Liver Transplantation and wish to invite members of the public to a meeting with the specialists of the Freeman Hospital and St James Hospital, Leeds.

Mr John Bedlington, Chairman of LIVErNORTH will open the meeting and key speakers will talk through the process of Living Donor Liver Transplantation.

Dr. Charles McKnight, Consultant Anaesthetist, Independent Donor Assessor and Vice Chairman of Trust Ethics Committee will be attending to advise on the ethics of being a living donor.

Living donor liver transplantation has been carried out in other countries for more than 15 years and in the UK the first ever NHS live liver transplant was successfully carried out at St James' Hospital in Leeds on 21st June 2007.

In this procedure part of the liver of a healthy donor is removed and transplanted into a patient with liver failure. The remaining liver in the donor regrows within weeks to almost its normal size.

Currently one in five liver transplant patients die while on the waiting list due to a severe shortage of donated organs. Living Donor Liver Transplantation may hold the key to saving many of these lives.

You are invited to attend this public meeting which will be held at **7.00 p.m.**

**on Wednesday 27th January 2010** in Lecture Theatre 1 at the Freeman Hospital, High Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne NE7 7DN. It is expected that the meeting will last approximately one hour. You may park free of charge for this meeting in the on site multi storey car park by displaying this notice in your vehicle windscreen.

If you would like to attend, please call on 0191 223 1726 to register, or email

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