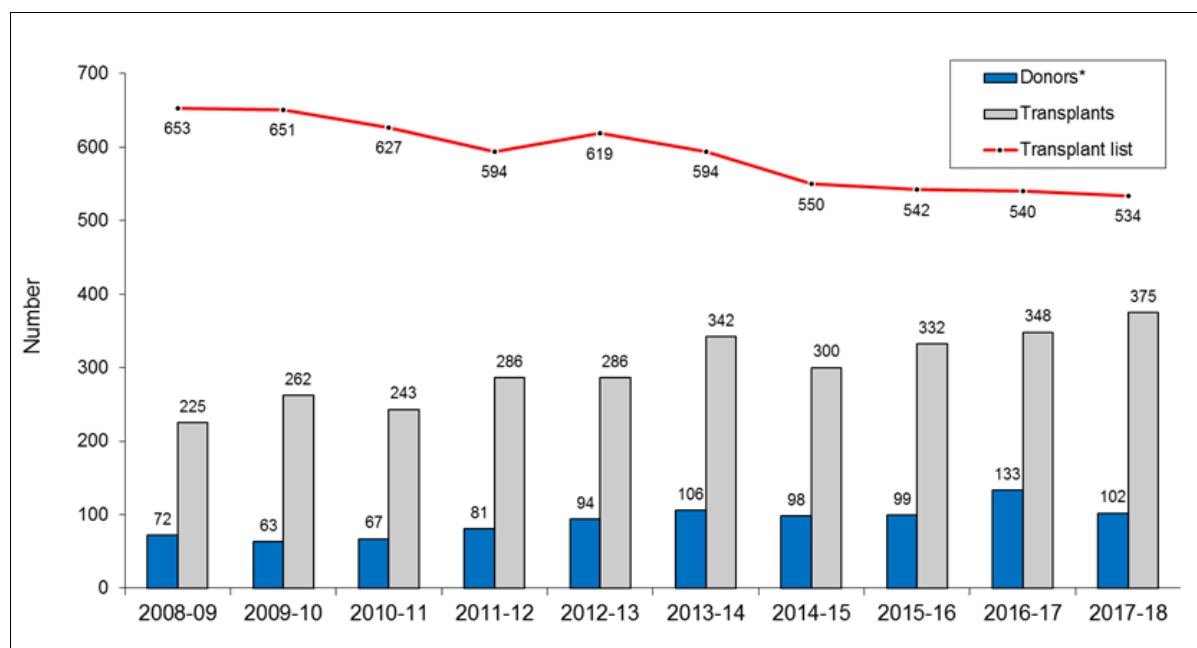


Deceased organ donors, transplants and transplant waiting list, Scotland



Living Donation

Living kidney donation rates in Scotland are increasing year on year, with the number of living donors in Scotland rising from 86 in 2016/17 to 95 in 2017/18.

As part of the ongoing drive to promote living kidney donation in Scotland, a campaign drive themed 'friends donating to friends' is running week commencing 21 May for one week. A series of positive living donor stories will be published across national newspapers and social media during the week.

Opt out Scotland

The Scottish Government Bill to introduce a soft opt out system of organ and tissue donation will be introduced into the Scottish Parliament during the current Parliamentary year. It is expected this will be by the end of June 2018.

The Bill Team is continuing to develop the detail of the proposals and has been consulting stakeholders including the Scottish Donation and Transplant Group sub group established to consider the proposals, as well as particular groups which may be impacted by the changes.

Once the Bill is introduced, the Parliament's Health and Sport Committee is likely to seek written evidence from stakeholders on the Bill. The Committee will also

take oral evidence from a number of key stakeholders. This is not likely to be before Autumn 2018.

If the Bill is supported by Parliament, it will probably not be passed until some point in 2019 (likely to be Spring 2019, but it will be for the Parliament to agree the timetable).

It is then likely to take at least a year before the opt out provisions in the Bill would be implemented in order to allow for a period of widespread public awareness raising (although some of the other, more technical provisions in the Bill may be implemented earlier).