

## **The Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill**

- The calls for evidence from the Scottish Parliament's Health and Sport Committee and Finance Committee are now closed and responses can be viewed at: <http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/109033.aspx> and <http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/109042.aspx>
- Discussions with NHSBT on the details of the Bill and the proposed regulations are ongoing.
- The Scottish Parliament will decide who they will call to give oral evidence at the evidence sessions which will be held during November 2018.

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## **Organ Donation (OD) Week and wider promotion of organ donation**

There has been significant activity in Scotland before, during and after Organ Donation Week to promote organ and tissue.

In particular:

- The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport, Jeane Freeman, visited the kidney transplant unit at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital on 1 August to promote the fact that 50% of the population in Scotland is now on the ODR;
- The Minister for Public Health, Joe FitzPatrick, visited the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh on 3 September to highlight the benefits of islet transplantation;
- In August, a new book containing the names of every deceased organ and tissue donor from December 2013 to March 2018 was created. It was placed within a kist and buried next to the National Organ and Tissue Memorial in the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh.
- A campaign toolkit was distributed to key stakeholders and promotional materials were made available. NHS Boards and their Organ Donation Committees used these to promote donation throughout OD Week on social media and locally.
- Buildings across Scotland were lit up in the campaign shade of green to mark OD week.
- New lift wraps encouraging people to join the ODR have (finally) been installed in the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital. We hope also to install them in Ninewells Hospital in Dundee soon.



Organ Donation Week 2018

