

The Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill

- The Scottish Parliament Health & Sport Committee has held four oral evidence sessions during November to take evidence from third sector organisations, patient groups, the Welsh Government and the Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing.
- The Committee is expected to prepare their Stage 1 report in January 2019.
- Discussions with NHSBT on the details of the Bill and the proposed regulations are continuing.

Donation Volunteer Network to Promote Awareness of Organ Donation

A group of 20 medical students have signed up to join a pilot volunteer project to promote awareness of organ and tissue donation alongside the existing Kidney Research UK Peer Educator Programme (which is focussed on South Asian communities). The pilot, supported by NHSBT and the Scottish Government, will take place in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. Two training days have been scheduled before the end of the year. Given that the Ambassador Programme will not be able to focus on Scotland for some time, this will help to develop the skills of and mobilise a small network of volunteers to promote donation.

Eye Donation Drive

To mark World Sight Day on 11 October 2018, people across Scotland were encouraged to join the Organ Donor Register and give the gift of sight. The importance of the potentially sight saving surgery was highlighted across social media and national and local news.

Organ Donation Scotland/OD Week

- Between 4 July 2018 and 7 Oct 2018 there were 48,851 new registrations in Scotland to the ODR.
- Since the start of September there were 29,200 visits to the Organ Donation Scotland website.
- We have had an impressive 1,207 shares via social media of people's organ donation registrations since September with the following breakdown: 137 WhatsApp, 93 Twitter and 977 Facebook.
- We have agreed partnerships with 34 local and Scotland-wide partners to date, which includes partnerships with universities, football clubs, leisure centres, coffee shops, buses and bars.