

# HTA Code of Practice for Deemed Consent in England – timeframes and next steps

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## Background

- The HTA has been asked by Ministers to write the Code of Practice which will provide practical advice and guidance to professionals working to the new deemed consent legislation in England
- The HTA also wrote the Code for practitioners in Wales on behalf of the Welsh Government in advance of the Human Transplantation (Wales) Act 2013 coming into force

## The plan

- The Code will be an amended version of the current Code F
- This covers living donation, and deceased solid organ and tissue donation for transplantation and will be updated to include deemed consent
- Drafting is currently underway and we are working closely with Department of Health & Social Care and NHSBT in the development of the text

## Consultation

- The Code will be subject to a 12 week consultation period which will be primarily aimed at professionals working in transplantation
- Members of the public will of course be able to submit a response if they would like to do so
- The consultation is likely to run between June and August 2019 and we will keep you updated
- It's crucial to us that we have your input – please submit a response to ensure you have your say on the final version

## Publication

- The intention is for the Code to be published by the autumn to ensure NHSBT has sufficient time to train staff in the changes
- It will also require Parliamentary approval and this process will take place at a similar time