

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

The Scottish Parliament Health and Sport Committee produced their [Stage 1 report](#) containing their views and recommendations on **Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill** on 1 February 2019.

The Stage 1 debate took place on 26 February and its general principles were agreed by the Scottish Parliament. One MSP voted against the Bill, 107 supported it and two abstained.

Stages 2 and 3 are likely to take place during May and June 2019; with exact dates to be confirmed.

Preliminary consideration is underway on the implementation phase of the legislation and an implementation team and Programme Board is being established. The following work streams are currently being considered as part of implementation:

- Commencement of Bill provisions and supporting regulations
- Guidance and training
- NHSBT/SNBTS recruitment and training and systems updates
- Public information/stakeholder engagement
- Monitoring and Evaluation

Discussion with NHSBT on implementation will be arranged shortly.

The Scottish Government has proposed an awareness raising campaign over a period of 12 months before the introduction of the new system and a Campaign Advisory Group is also being established.

### **New NHSBT Regional Manager Appointed**

Susan Hannah, Team Manager - Specialist Nurses Organ Donation, has been appointed as the new NHSBT Scottish Regional Manager. Lesley Logan, the current postholder will move to take up a part-time secondment from NHSBT to the Scottish Government Implementation team in May 2019.