

NODC - Scotland Opt Out Legislation Update

By Susan Hannah (RM Scotland)

- Public consultation on Type A pre-death procedures closed 11/12/19 and the final draft of Type A regulations is awaiting clearance with ministerial approval. Type B commitment to follow up as soon as possible after opt out introduced with Type A. Preliminary work is underway, informed by Type A process.
- Excepted body parts regulations draft started with further discussions in process before going out to public consult on content in February 2020.
- The Legislation Guidance which reflects the requirement of the act and aids delivery of the training has been revised and is undergoing internal clearance on legal principles which will subsequently be shared with training materials.
- The Scotland Training plan was recently signed off and now taking forward with individual NHS boards to use as a template to write a more localised training plan. Currently progressing with training dates with the first on March 26th at the Scotland Regional Collaborative. The Legislation slide sets and teaching materials will be ready to share for subsequent cascade training from clinical leads and specialist nurses. Online training has been taken forward with NHS Education Scotland and a project manager has been appointed to further support.
- Monitoring and Evaluation of the 2019 Act has begun with Qualitative Baseline Study (QBS) with fieldwork phase of visiting NHS sites with staff interviewed and more recently at the SICS conference in St Andrews at the end of January.
- Ongoing discussions with new media company with agreement for new build of the website and design. Posters ready to start with advertising in February and developing infographics and flyer. Language will be informed by the testing (for example choice or decision). Awaiting ministerial sign off with mailing list.
- Scotland FAQs under review and will incorporate into the training material to have scripted responses with plan to build them up and share with specialist nurses and tissue services. No evidence of fake news impact but do have an awareness within some BAME communities. Specific wording has been prepared if this negative publicity happens.
- No date of go live for Opt Out in the Autumn will be given until assured everything in place.