

**NHSBT BOARD
SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT UPDATE
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Implementation of the Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Act 2019

- The Scottish Government and NHS Scotland continue to prioritise the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- As part of this prioritisation, taking into account the significant time and engagement required across the NHS of implementing the Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Act 2019 successfully, including the delivery of training to NHS staff, we are reviewing the plans for implementation.
- The consultation on regulations on [Excepted Body Parts](#) is live and closes on 27 March and we would encourage stakeholders to still feed in views on this.
- The Type A pre-death procedures regulations have been passed by the Scottish Parliament.

Donation and Transplantation in Scotland

- There are concerns that COVID-19 will have a significant impact on organ donation and transplantation.
- The Scottish Government and National Services Division (NSD) are keen to continue to support transplantation as much as possible, particularly for patients on urgent and super urgent waiting lists, as well as other priority patients.
- In relation to the four transplant units which provide the great majority of transplants for Scottish patients, all are currently able to provide deceased donor transplants.
- Living Kidney Donation Week 2020 featured a number of articles in the media with case studies of living donors. Despite covid-19, we received a great deal of positive coverage for this.

Donation and Transplantation Plan for Scotland 2020 - 2025

- The Scottish plan is still in draft and an update will be given at the SDTG meeting on 9 April.
- The NSD focus groups have been cancelled and will be rescheduled to later in the year.

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