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Donation and Transplantation in Scotland

- Scottish transplant units are now moving out of the recovery stage following the Covid-19 Organ Transplantation Scottish Plan for Service Recovery and are starting to consider the future risks of Covid-19 resurgence and sustainability planning going forward.
- The living donor programme restarted in June in Glasgow and a number of live donor transplants have been completed, with more living donor pairs lined up.
- The Human Tissue (Authorisation)(Scotland) Act 2019 implementation project will restart from 3 August and the Excepted Body Parts regulations are expected to be laid in Parliament in the Autumn, taking on board comments from the consultation in the Spring.
- Work on the Living Donation Scotland project is also restarting. In particular, a survey of renal nurses and healthcare professionals is being undertaken to seek views on an online educational resource on living kidney donation for healthcare professionals. Work on the new Organ Donation Scotland website is also progressing and this will include more information available online for potential donors.

Donation and Transplantation Plan for Scotland 2020 – 2025

- The Scottish Donation and Transplant Group (SDTG) meeting on 25 August is expected to consider an updated draft post-2020 Donation and Transplantation Plan for Scotland. As it cross-refers to commitments in the UK Strategy, we will be aiming for October/November 2020 publication in line with the revised planned publication timescales for the UK Strategy.

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