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Donation and Transplantation in Scotland

- For Organ Donation Week, we have been using social media, radio advertising and case studies to start to increase awareness about the forthcoming move to an opt-out system.
- Scottish transplant units are continuing to consider the future risks of Covid-19 resurgence and sustainability planning going forward. Good progress has been made on collaboration between the Edinburgh and Glasgow Renal Units to enable them to support one another if needed.
- Work on the Living Donation Scotland project has restarted. A number of live donor transplants have been completed, with more living donor pairs lined up.
- Work on the new Organ Donation Scotland website is also progressing and this will include more information available online for potential donors including their choices, why it's important that they make a donation decision and share that decision.
- A series of faith leaflets are being developed to help raise awareness of donation among faith groups ahead of the introduction of opt-out.

The Human Tissue (Authorisation)(Scotland) Act 2019

- The Scottish Government opt-out team formally restarted the implementation project in August following the pause due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Implementation of the legislation is now scheduled for 26 March 2021.
- The Excepted Body Parts Regulations will be laid in the Scottish Parliament imminently; the Scottish Government also plans to consult in the coming months on the proposals for Regulations on arrangements for Type B (non-routine) pre-death procedures.

Donation and Transplantation Plan for Scotland 2020 – 2025

- The Scottish Donation and Transplant Group (SDTG) meeting on 25 August agreed the post-2020 Donation and Transplantation Plan for Scotland and it was agreed this would be published this autumn, in line with the revised planned publication timescales for the UK Strategy.

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