

**NHSBT BOARD
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Donation and Transplantation in Scotland

- Scottish transplant units remain open, but are continuing to consider capacity-related issues in light of Covid-19 pressures. We are also very grateful to Scottish ICU staff and NHSBT specialist nurses, who have continued to work hard to progress deceased donors despite the challenges of Covid-19.
- The new Organ Donation Scotland website went live on 8 December 2020 and includes 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 were developed to help raise awareness of donation among faith groups ahead of the introduction of opt-out. The leaflets are now available on the new Organ Donation Scotland website.

The Human Tissue (Authorisation)(Scotland) Act 2019

- Implementation of the legislation is on track for 26 March 2021.
- A law change public awareness campaign went live on 18 January and awareness raising will continue to increase over the coming months.
- The virtual training of NHS staff is progressing well and on track and a new law change e-learning tool is now available.
- The Excepted Body Parts Regulations have been passed by the Scottish Parliament.
- The Scottish Government consultation on the proposals for Regulations on arrangements for Type B (non-routine) pre-death procedures closed in November. Regulations were laid in the Scottish Parliament on 11 January 2021.

Donation and Transplantation Plan for Scotland 2021 – 2026

- The post-2020 Donation and Transplantation Plan for Scotland is expected to be published soon, but this has been moved back a few weeks in line with the revised planned publication timescales for the UK Strategy.

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