

NHSBT Board
September 29 2016

Reports from the UK Health Departments

A report from Scotland is attached – the Welsh report will be presented verbally.

UPDATE FROM THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

There has been positive progress this year in increasing deceased donor numbers, with 60 deceased donors since 1 April. To coincide with the publication of the Transplant Activity Report on 1 September, the Scottish Government published its annual report card to inform people about progress in donation and transplantation in 2015/16. For the first time, the report card included SNBTS data on tissue donation. The report card can be viewed at <https://www.organdonationscotland.org/resources>.

The Scottish Government's organ donation marketing campaign continued during Organ Donation week and has received very positive media coverage and support from a range of celebrities. This has led to increased numbers joining the ODR and over 11,000 hits to the Organ Donation Scotland website during Organ Donation week alone. The campaign is based around the message 'we need everybody' and the social media campaign work is continuing.

The Scottish Government is in the process of appointing two new Lead Clinicians to replace Professor John Forsythe. Dr Iain Macleod will become the Lead Clinician for Organ Donation for Scotland, while Mr John Casey will become the Lead Clinician for Transplantation for Scotland. Both will provide clinical advice and support to the Scottish Government and are expected to start their new roles shortly.

We are continuing to work on developing a consultation on ways of increasing organ and tissue donation. The consultation is nearing completion and will be launched in the next couple of months.

In addition to the projects on living donation and paediatric and neonatal donation which we previously updated the Board on, NHSBT's Regional Manager for Scotland is working with the Scottish Government to undertake a review of Scottish Donation Committees. As part of this, meetings are being undertaken with Donation Committees and good practice examples will be identified and used to help develop recommendations to promote improvements in Committees' practice.

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