

NHSBT BOARD SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT UPDATE – JANUARY 2022

Donation and Transplantation Plan for Scotland: 2021-2026

- Working groups to take forward the short term priorities from the plan, covering equity of access to transplant services, and support and aftercare for transplant recipients, have been established.
- The Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service (SNBTS) is also progressing priorities to increase tissue donation, including potential for donor authorisation for eye donation from patients in hospices.
- Living kidney donation, is being progressed with arrangements in place to roll-out the REACH co-ordinators programme later this year, to support those on the kidney dialysis awaiting transplant.
- As part of recommendations from the plan and in collaboration with the Chief Scientist Office, the Scottish Government is hosting a Transplant Research Network Symposium on 27 January 2022 which will bring together colleagues from across clinical and basic science teams to hear about research and identify opportunities to get involved in collaborations and to help promote transplant research in Scotland.

Living Kidney Donation

- A week long drive to raise awareness of living kidney donation will take place week commencing 31 January and will include media coverage, social media and radio advertising.

Donation and Transplantation in Scotland

- As at 5 January 2022, over half of the population of Scotland (54.8%) have recorded their donation decision on the NHS Organ Donor Register. Of this total, 51.9% have recorded a decision to be a donor, with 2.9% choosing to opt out.

UK Government Health and Care Bill

- The Scottish Government continues to consider and comment on the implications of the Bill.