

NHSBT BOARD SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT UPDATE – NOVEMBER 2022

Donation and Transplantation Plan for Scotland: 2021-2026

Recommendations from the Scottish plan continue to be taken forward by three working groups. In addition, SNBTS are leading on the actions in relation to tissue donation. A Renal Education and Choices at Home (REACH Transplant) Programme Lead has now been appointed and recruitment is underway to appoint five REACH Transplant Nurse Specialists who will provide nurse led education for patients with end stage renal failure, and their families/social networks in their own homes or community settings about living kidney donation.

Eye Retrieval Pilot

From 14 November 2022, a new eye retrieval model is being piloted from the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow. The model is based on a previous initiative with the West of Scotland Eye Retrieval Scheme (ERS) and associated Glasgow hospitals to help improve eye donation numbers. This model will be led by the NHSBT Scotland specialist nurse organ donation team and will run until March 2023.

Living Kidney Donation Awareness Raising

In December, we will run a social media campaign to raise awareness of Living Kidney Donation. The campaign will feature case studies and key messaging to celebrate the exceptional gift of living kidney donation.

NHS Organ Donor Register figures

As at 14 November 2022, over half of the population of Scotland (56.3%) have recorded their donation decision on the NHS Organ Donor Register. Of this total, 53.1% have recorded a decision to be a donor, with 3.2% choosing to opt out.

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