

## **NHSBT BOARD SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT UPDATE – JUNE 2023**

### **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.

The working group leading on Transplant Recipient Support and Aftercare are finalising a patient survey which is expected to launch in late June or early July 2023 to capture an up-to-date picture of patients' views on transplant services in Scotland.

In addition to this the group will be shortly sending a short survey out to transplant centres and wider clinical teams in Scottish NHS Boards to capture the use of telemedicine and remote consultations with transplant patients.

The group looking at whether clinicians have the right expertise to support patients locally have organised a series of focus groups with representatives from each of the services to investigate how NHS doctors in secondary care can be supported to look after patients, post-transplant.

### **Transplant Research Manager**

A part-time Scottish Research Transplant Manager is being appointed to help the Scottish Donation and Transplant Group to define the landscape of research in Scotland and to lead a Scottish Transplant Research Network. The postholder will be based at the Centre for Inflammation Research at the University of Edinburgh and the [recruitment advert](#) was shared on a number of other platforms, including via the Chief Scientist Office website.

### **NHS Organ Donor Register figures**

As of 05 May 2023, over half of the population of Scotland (56.9%) have recorded their donation decision on the NHS Organ Donor Register. Of this total, 53.6% have recorded a decision to be a donor, with 3.3% choosing to opt out.