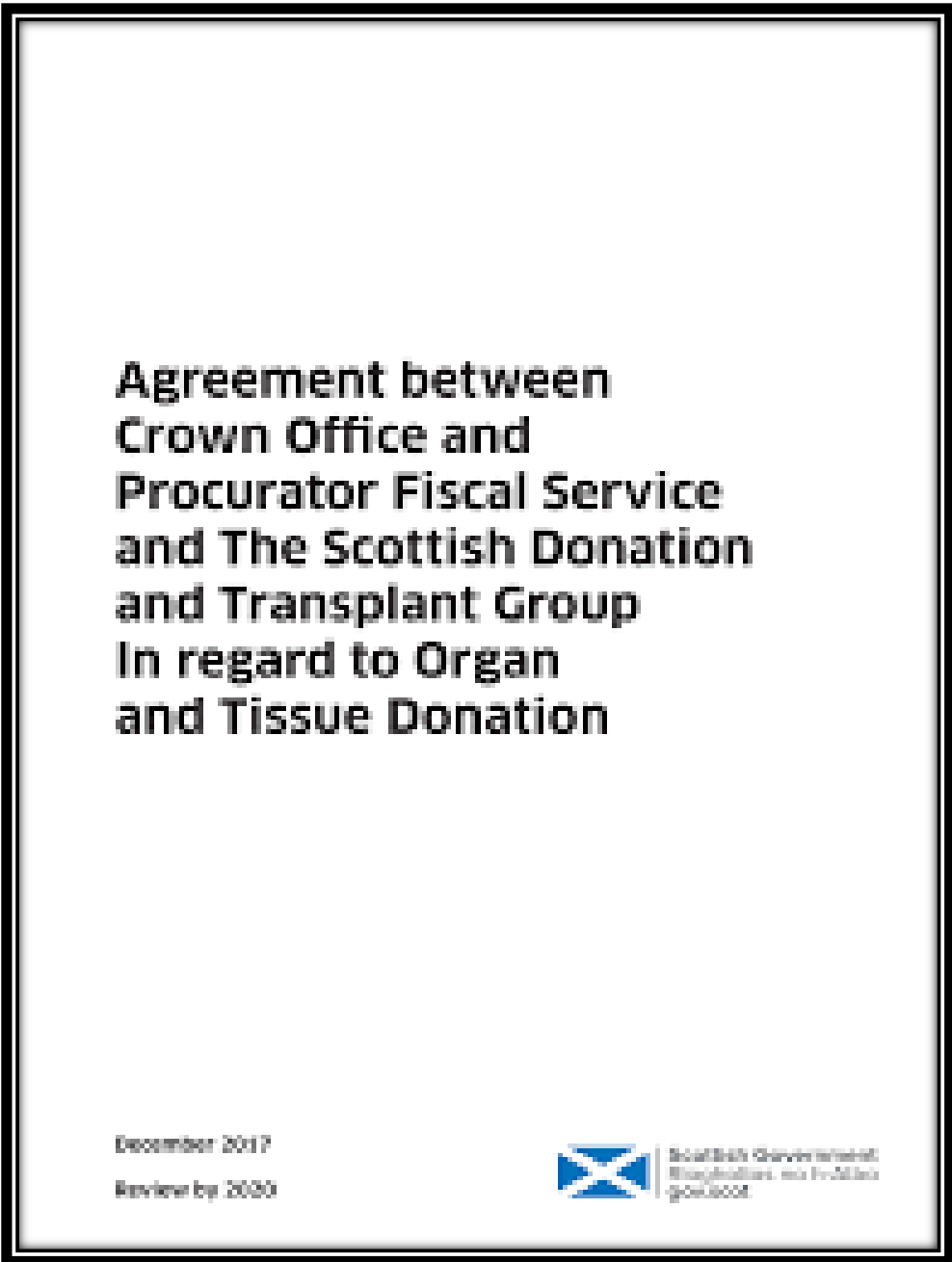


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Introduction

The Procurator Fiscal (PF) seminar day was set up by the Specialist Nurses (SN) with the aim to improve relationships and educate both the PF's and SN's regarding current practice for Organ and Tissue Donation. This would include discussing information from the Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006. As documented in the HTA(2006), permission is required from the PF for Organ and Tissue Donation if the death is regarded as a reportable death.



Methods

After discussions with NHSBT, the Crown Office and the support of the Scottish Government, it was agreed that an education seminar should take place. Before the Covid-19 Pandemic an education seminar was held biannually to maintain relationships whilst identifying training and learning requirements. The PF education day consisted of a range of speakers, including the Specialist Nurse in Organ Donation, the Crown Office, transplant surgeons, PF service and a forensic pathologist. In-depth explorative anonymous surveys were undertaken at the end of the day to understand training and education needs of the delegates who attended.

Results

At the end of the seminar day each delegate that attended was asked to complete an anonymous evaluation form to give their feedback. 40 delegates attended the day with 26 returning completed evaluation forms. The evaluation forms were reviewed and themes were drawn. The main themes identified demonstrated that those who attended found the day educational, informative and have furthered their knowledge (table 1). In addition to these main themes, suggestions were made to explore and develop a Scottish Organ Retrieval Service surgical note template and a pilot PF template to ensure consistency when documenting key information regarding removal of organs and tissues for donation purposes.

Conclusion

Whilst the seminar day has not run due to restrictions of the pandemic, evaluations were positive for further collaborative days. Further work will be required regarding the Scottish Organ Retrieval Service Surgical note and PF template. These will require their own evaluations and adaptations to meet the future requirements of the service.

