

# Scotland legislation changes – impact



Blood and Transplant

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## Introduction

Scotland was the last of the 4 nations to have Specialist Requesters to be introduced in January 2020. Within Scotland at the time 6 established members of the SNOD team transitioned over into the new role. Working a 4 day pattern (9am to 7pm) it was reviewed after a year and found to be having an impact on handovers and on-call staff having to complete approaches. 12.5 hour shift pattern implemented and after just over 10 weeks into the new role the pandemic hit. The SR group performed a review of all approaches in the year prior to and after introduction of the legislative change to see if any impact.

## Methods

- Retrospective analysis of PDA pre and post change in legislation
- Review of independent database of all approaches made within Scotland
- Inspection of all Donor Path entries on all cases

## Results

Who is approaching: less clinician approaches from 1/3 to 1/4

Introduction of SR model accounts for ½ of approaches

OC SN/trainees 1/5 of approaches vs embedded 1/3 and OC SN 1/3 of approaches pre legislation change.

Changes in donation decisions

Deemed 55%, expressed 28%, nearest relative 12%, opt out 5% versus

No known decision 71%, ODR 16% verbal opt out 13%

Some changes in hospitals in which they have occurred as you would expect with merger of hospitals, changes in specialities and donation activity.

## Conclusion

The introduction of the IDL has been common practice in Scotland and now a QR code is available in all donor packs.

A 3year review of SR model undergoing currently in preparation for the Scottish Government.

An SR roadshow is currently under develop to promote our services within house.

Declines	Pre legislation change	Post legislation change
Number of declines	123	83
Clinician	43	24
Embedded SN / on call SN	43/35	11
SR/ Trainee	na	40/8
Family raised	2	

## Summery

Since the legislation change and introduction model in January 2020, there has been less clinician approaches and over half are mad by SRs in Scotland.

The SR roadshow is about to be rolled out in region with a view of raising awareness across all ICU's and raise the profile of the SR role as well as addressing any concerns.

