

NHSBT BOARD SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 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.

A transplant patient survey will open on 25 September to capture an up-to-date picture of patients' views on transplant services in Scotland. As well as an online version of the survey, it will be available in paper copy and in Easy read format and translated into six languages. The survey will close on 29 December 2023.

Living Kidney Donation

One of the key aims of the Donation and Transplantation Plan for Scotland is consideration of a living donor transplant as the first option for treatment. Pre-emptive transplant rates in Scotland have remained fairly static over the past number of years, with recent increases in some areas.

A short term working group has been set up to look at perceived barriers to pre-emptive kidney transplant (both deceased and living donor) in Scotland. Professor Lorna Marson will chair the group in the first instance with the support of the Living Donation Scotland Board. The initial meeting will focus on the current situation and pathways.

Transplant Research Manager

Work continues to appoint a part-time Scottish Research Transplant Manager to help the Scottish Donation and Transplant Group to define the landscape of research in Scotland and to lead a Scottish Transplant Research Network.

Organ & Tissue Donation Week 2023

This year we will be encouraging people in Scotland to register their donation decision and discuss it with family and friends.

A [stakeholder toolkit](#) containing a range of tools and resources has been developed to help partners and organisations promote the Week across their channels to encourage people to record their decision to be a donor, or to opt out of donation.

NHS Organ Donor Register figures

As of 6 September 2023, over half of the population of Scotland (57%) have recorded their donation decision on the NHS Organ Donor Register. Of this total, 53.9% have recorded a decision to be a donor, with 3.3% choosing to opt out.

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