

NHSBT BOARD SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT UPDATE – MARCH 2024

Donation and Transplantation Plan for Scotland: 2021-2026

Implementation of the recommendations from the Scottish Donation and Transplantation Plan continue to be taken forward by the working groups and SNBTS leading on the actions in relation to tissue donation.

Results from the Transplant Patient Survey and the Use of Telemedicine for Transplant Patient Consultations Survey are currently being reviewed and analysed with the hope that a report will be published in the coming months. Initial findings from the Telemedicine survey were presented to the Scottish Donation and Transplant Group in December, with an update on the Patient Survey expected at the April meeting.

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. As pre-emptive transplant rates in Scotland have remained fairly static over the past number of years, a short-life Timely Transplantation working group has been set up to look at perceived barriers to pre-emptive kidney transplant (both deceased and living donor) in Scotland.

Kidney Research UK Peer Educator Project

The Kidney Research UK Scottish Policy Lead and three Peer Educator volunteers met the Minister for Public Health & Women's Health on 20 March 2024 in the Scottish Parliament to provide her with an overview of their work. The Peer Educator volunteers work with people of different faiths from the South Asian community in Edinburgh and Glasgow to raise awareness of organ and tissue donation.

NHS Organ Donor Register figures

As of 06 March 2024, over half of the population of Scotland (56%) have recorded their donation decision on the NHS Organ Donor Register. Of this total, 52.7% have recorded a decision to be a donor, with 3.3% choosing to opt out.

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