

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

An overview of the outcomes from the Transplant Patient Survey was presented to the Scottish Donation and Transplantation Group (SDTG) in April, with the intention that a final report will be published in the coming months. Recommendations from the survey are being reviewed and an action plan created.

A short-life working group is being set up to consider how online communication and education can be improved for post-transplant patients, including how best to sign post to NHSBT online patient information.

### **Duty to report transplant-related crimes in Scotland**

Following the introduction of The Human Tissue Act 2004 (Supply of Information about Transplants) Regulations 2024 on 01 April 2024, which cover England, Wales and Northern Ireland, it is the intention to introduce similar Statutory Regulations in Scotland, which would create a duty for transplant clinicians and organ specialists to report suspicions about transplant-related crimes and information about overseas transplants to the Human Tissue Authority (HTA).

A consultation event was held on 04 June to gather views from stakeholders on the plans to introduce these Regulations in Scotland and representatives from both the Department of Health and Social Care and the HTA provided details about how the Regulations are currently working in the rest of the UK, and why they were introduced.

It is the intention that the Scottish Regulations will come into force later in 2024.

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

As of 10 May 2024, over half of the population of Scotland (56.2%) have recorded their donation decision on the NHS Organ Donor Register. Of this total, 52.9% have recorded a decision to be a donor, with 3.3% choosing to opt out.

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