

NHSBT BOARD SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT UPDATE – JULY 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.

Work is ongoing to draft the Transplant Patient Survey report, which will be presented to the Scottish Donation and Transplant Group in December.

The report outlining the findings on the use of telemedicine and remote consultations for organ transplant recipients in Scotland has been issued to transplant units and referring clinicians.

The survey was designed to consider whether the provision of more local care, supported by telemedicine, could reduce the need for patient travel, with the aim of delivering a more patient-centred service in the future.

The findings and recommendations demonstrate that, although many prefer in person appointments, many patients do value the option of remote consultations as a method of facilitating local care and, as such, it is important to have the ability to provide remote consultations for appropriate patients.

The decision as to whether a patient is offered a remote or a face-to-face consultation is determined by numerous factors and that ultimately it is for clinical teams and patients to decide what is best in each situation.

Scottish Transplant Research Network

The Scottish Transplant Research Network is arranging a series of webinars to keep the research community connected and provide an opportunity for researchers to share knowledge and collaborate. The first webinar will be held in mid-August.

Further information on the work of the Scottish Transplant Network is available on the NHS Research Scotland website:

<https://www.nhsresearchscotland.org.uk/research-areas/transplant>

Organ & Tissue Donation Week – September 2024

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 will be issued 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 9 July 2024, over half of the population of Scotland (56.3%) have recorded their donation decision on the NHS Organ Donor Register. Of this total, 53% have recorded a decision to be a donor, with 3.3% choosing to opt out.

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