



## **NHSBT BOARD SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT UPDATE – NOVEMBER 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 finalise the Transplant Patient Survey report, which will be presented to the Scottish Donation and Transplant Group in December.

### **Organ & Tissue Donation Week 2024**

During Organ & Tissue Donation Week 2024, we launched a new national health campaign, “Have the Chat” to encourage people to think about their organ and tissue decision, register it on the NHS Organ Donor Register and tell their loved ones what they’ve decided.

As part of launch week a liver transplant recipient met the Minister for Public Health and Women’s Health at the Scottish Liver Transplant Unit, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

To mark the Week, buildings across Scotland lit up pink to raise awareness of the campaign and families of donor heroes and transplant recipients climbed Ben Nevis as part of a UK-wide initiative to ‘Turn the Peaks Pink’.

Other activities during the week included key influencers who shared the importance of ‘having the chat’ about organ and tissue donation across their social channels as well as radio advertising and key features across other media channels.

### **Tissue Donor Recognition Event**

The first ever tissue donor recognition event was held in Edinburgh on 15 November to remember those who have become tissue donors in Scotland. Guests had the opportunity to listen to speakers and meet members of staff and donor families.

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

As of 10 October 2024, over half of the population of Scotland (56.7%) have recorded their donation decision on the NHS Organ Donor Register. Of this total, 53.4% have recorded a decision to be a donor, with 3.3% choosing to opt out.