

NHSBT BOARD

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT UPDATE – JULY 2025

Duty to Report Transplant-related Offences

The Scottish Regulations which put a new duty on relevant clinicians to report both transplant-related crimes and transplants that have taken place abroad to the Human Tissue Authority (HTA) came into force on 1 July 2025. The Regulations mirror the arrangements already in place in the rest of the UK.

The Human Tissue (Supply of Information about Transplants) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 are available at: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2025/139/body/made>.

The Director of Population Health, Scottish Government has sent a communication to all the NHS Scotland Chief Executives in the NHS Territorial Boards, copied to Medical Directors, Nurse Directors, and members of the Scottish Donation and Transplant Group advising them of the introduction of the forthcoming Regulations and requesting that they cascade this communication to all relevant staff in their NHS Board.

The Human Tissue Authority (HTA) has produced updated guidance to take account of the Scottish position [Professional guidance on travelling for organ transplantation | Human Tissue Authority](#). In particular, it includes who is required to report, what information should be reported and how to submit a report. It also explains when and to whom the HTA will share the reported information, as well as the penalties for failing to report under the Regulations.

NHS Organ Donor Register figures

As of 5 June 2025, over half of the population in Scotland (57.8%) have recorded their donation decision on the NHS Organ Donor Register. Of this total, 54.3% have recorded a decision to be a donor, with 3.5% choosing to opt out.

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