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RE: Consent Form Pilot – Notification

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Dear Colleagues

This is to inform you that a pilot of a revised consent form commenced on **Tuesday 31st March 2026**.

The form attached below, has been watermarked in draft and ratified by the Human Tissue Authority (HTA) and reviewed by multiple stakeholders, including Consultant Retrieval/Transplant Surgeons. It will be trialled by Specialist Requesters in the **North West, Yorkshire, and London regions only**.



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The changes are minimal but aim to make discussions with donor families more intuitive and less transactional. The consent form is designed to cover organ and tissue donation, as well as research participation, in a way that is easier for families to understand.

The pilot will use paper-based forms initially, with a view to digital implementation later. Both the current and pilot forms will be in use in these regions until approximately **50 completed consents** (including tissue and multi-visceral) are achieved, or earlier if any risk is identified. Consultant Retrieval/Transplant surgeons consulted have confirmed no anticipated impact on handover between Specialist Nurses and retrieval teams.

Thank you for supporting this initiative to streamline the consent process.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Olive McGowan'.

Olive McGowan

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