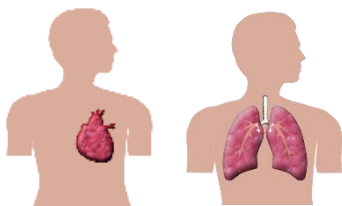




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How is the law changing in Scotland?



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Organs are parts of your body like the heart, lungs, kidneys and liver.



Tissue is from parts of your body like tendons, bone, eyes and heart valves.



Donation means giving away.

Organ and tissue donation means you agree that parts of your body can be used after you die.

If you agree to give away your organs or tissue you are called a donor.



Your organs or tissue could be put into someone else's body in an operation to help them live longer.

This is called a transplant.



A very small number of people will be able to donate their organs and tissue.

Lots of people think that organ and tissue donation is a good thing.



We want more people to be on the NHS Organ Donor Register and tell their family about their decision.

What is changing?



The NHS Organ Donor Register is a list of people who have said what they want to happen to their organs and tissue after they die.



You can choose if you want to be a donor by opting in or opting out of the Register.

If you 'opt in' **you agree** to donate.



If you 'opt out' **you do not agree** to donate.



The law in Scotland will change to an 'opt out' system.

This means if you have not opted out of the Donor Register your organs and tissue **may** be donated when you die.



The new opt out system will apply to adults who live and die in Scotland.

It will not apply to certain groups of people:

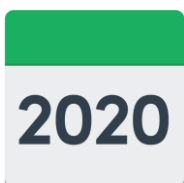


- children under 16
- people who lack capacity (who don't understand the law).
- people who have lived in Scotland for less than a year before their death.



If a person in one of these groups dies and they haven't opted in or opted out, their family will be asked if they want to agree to donation.

Anyone aged 12 or older can decide if they want to be a donor or not.



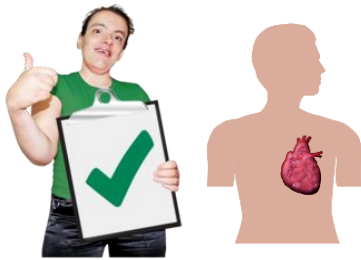
When is the law changing?

The law won't change until Autumn 2020.

There will be a public information campaign over the next year.



It will tell people about the new system and what their choices are before the law changes.

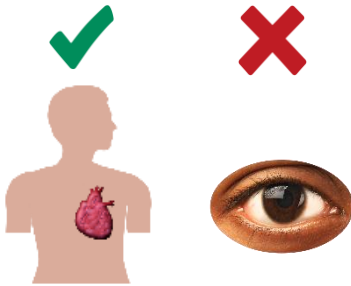


I want to be a donor. What do I do?

Register online at:

www.organdonationscotland.org/yes

or call 0300 303 2094.



You can say which organs or tissue you want to donate.



If you have registered and want to:

- update your details
- check that you are a donor
- change your mind and opt out

do this online at:

www.organdonationscotland.org/update

or call: 0300 123 23 23.



It is important to tell your family you want to be a donor so they know your decision.

Your family can give us important information so we can check it is safe to give your organs and tissue to someone else.



The doctors may need to carry out tests like blood tests, or take urine samples or x-rays to make sure the transplant will work well.



**I don't want to be a donor.
What do I do?**

Opt out by registering **not** to be a donor on the NHS Organ Donor Register.



Do this online at:

www.organdonationscotland.org/no

or call 0300 303 2094

Will my family be involved?



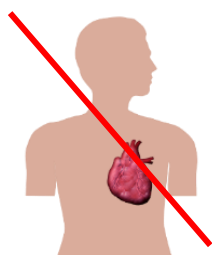
Yes. Your family will be told about any decision you had recorded on the Donor Register to check it is what you wanted.

Your decision will be respected.

Your family can't change your decision.



If you are not on the Register your family will be asked what you thought about donation.



Donation will not go ahead if it was not what you wanted.



It is really important that **you** choose if you want to be a donor or not, and tell your family your decision.



Find more information online at:
www.organdonationscotland.org



If you are not sure what decision to make, call the helpline for more information on 0300 303 2094.