

Human Tissue Authority

Covid-19

- All HTA onsite inspections / audits postponed until at least April 2021 due to Covid-19.
- [Guidance](#) was issued earlier in the year to transplant centres who were considering or planning for transplantation services to resume using different premises e.g. transplanting at an alternative hospital.
- [Guidance](#) was also issued to all Independent Assessors and Living Donor Coordinators on a number of areas, including the use of video conferencing platforms to hold IA interviews.

Living Donation

- On 13 and 14 October 2020 we trained several new Independent Assessors, one of whom will be based in Scotland. She will be accredited shortly.
- We are seeing a gradual return to pre Covid-19 levels of applications for living donations from across the UK.

UK Transition

- The UK is leaving the EU single market and customs union at the end of the transition period on 31 December 2020. At the end of the transition period, there will be regulatory changes within the UK.
- The [HTA's Quality and Safety of Organs Intended for Transplantation: A documentary framework](#) explains the requirements that HTA licensed establishments in the Organ Donation and Transplantation sector must follow.
- We will be issuing an updated version of the documentary framework to account for the requirements brought into effect by the [Statutory Instruments](#) (SIs). The revised version of the documentary framework will be issued under a new set of [legal Directions](#). These will come into effect from 1 January 2021 and will revoke and replace Directions 003/2012.
- HTA licensed establishments will receive an email with the updated legal Directions and a copy of the updated Quality and Safety of Organs Intended for Transplantation: A documentary framework.