

## Human Tissue Authority

### Headlines

- All HTA onsite inspections / audits postponed until at least January 2021 due to Covid-19.
- [Guidance](#) was issued in May to hospitals considering or planning, for transplantation services to resume using different premises.
- [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.

### HTA Transplant Advisory Group

The HTA's Transplant Advisory Group meets twice yearly. The last meeting was on 23 October 2019. The May 2020 meeting was been postponed due to Covid-19 and a decision on the October 2020 meeting is yet to be made.

### Living Donation

- The next scheduled training day for people being trained as Independent Assessors will be held virtually for the first time, over two half days. The dates are 13 and 14 October 2020.
- We are seeing a gradual return to pre Covid-19 levels of applications for living donations from across the UK. Pre Covid-19 this would average over 100 per month and 40 were received in July 2020. Very few were received during April, May and June.

### Deceased Donation

- All revised information was published on the HTA website on 20 May 2020 to coincide with the launch of deemed consent in England.
- The HTA's document "[The Quality and Safety of Organs Intended for Transplantation: A documentary framework](#)" was revised and published. All licensed hospitals are expected to follow this document to ensure compliance with licensing requirements.