



## NEW KIDNEY TRANSPLANT PLAN PUBLISHED TO WIPE OUT UK WAITING LIST



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**MEDIA COVERAGE SUMMARY**

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<b>Media category</b>	<b>Coverage achieved</b>	<b>OTS</b>
National Wires & Online	6	N/A
National TV	1	2,285,448
National Newspapers	1	2,098,275
National Radio	6	1,641,156
Regional Wires & Online	20	N/A
Regional Radio	13	1,700,448
International pick-up	1	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>7,725,327</b>

**National Wires and Online update**

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PA newswire	15.10.06	New organ donor laws 'will fail without NHS overhaul'	N/A	N/A
Guardian Online	16.10.06	NHS overhaul call over donor laws	N/A	N/A
BBC Online	16.10.06	Transplant law 'likely to fail'	N/A	N/A
Times Online	16.10.06	Health service 'cannot meet transplant target'	N/A	N/A
In the news.co.uk	16.10.06	Kidney transplant rules 'in need of review'	N/A	N/A
Healthcare Today UK	16.10.06	Report predicts transplant law failure	N/A	N/A

PA Newswire

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**NEW ORGAN DONOR LAWS 'WILL FAIL WITHOUT NHS OVERHAUL'**  
By John von Radowitz, PA Science Correspondent

Legal changes introduced to increase the supply of donor organs are likely to fail without a sweeping overhaul of NHS transplant services, an expert body of MPs and peers claimed today. The Human Tissue Act, which came into force on September 1, removed the automatic right of relatives to prevent doctors using organs from a dead family member. Doctors in England, Wales and Northern Ireland can now lawfully take organs from dead donor card carriers even if families object. But in practice this is unlikely to happen under the current system, according to today's report from the All Party Parliamentary Kidney Group (APPKG).

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The figures put Britain at the bottom of the league table of transplant rates in western Europe. Before the Human Tissue Act, half of all relatives approached refused permission for doctors to take a dead loved one's organ. Tim Statham, chief executive of the National Kidney Federation, which is supporting the APPKG, said: "Despite the provisions of the Human Tissue Act we do not expect surgeons to now ignore the strongly-held wishes of relatives. "It is more likely that the way in which grieving relatives are approached about transplantation will change. It will be important to monitor the impact of these changes on family refusal rates." Human Tissue Act guidelines say doctors should encourage families to respect the wishes of dead prospective donors.

But Professor Andrew Bradley, a leading expert on organ transplantation based at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, pointed out: "If the relatives still object strongly, the code of practice does not provide unambiguous guidance on how to proceed, stating that there may be cases when it is inappropriate to proceed with donation. "Under these circumstances transplant surgeons and co-ordinators would be unwilling to go against the views of grieving relatives." However, he said it was hoped that in most cases relatives would co-operate with the new rules. Dr Anthony Warrens, consultant nephrologist at



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Hammersmith Hospital, London, and trustee of the British Transplantation Society, said: "It is easy to understand how any doctor would not want to disregard the wishes of distraught relatives who had, for whatever reason, set their minds against allowing their deceased loved one to be a donor and, nonetheless, proceed with removing the organs. "At a time of deep emotional stress, when relatives have lost a loved one, it is understandable that a person may refuse permission to donate a much-needed organ from their relative. This is often a decision they come to regret after it is too late to change their minds. "With the provision of the Human Tissue Act it is now time to invest in transplantation and develop a system that will help grieving relatives deal with this agonising decision - and at the same time reduce the burden of human suffering caused by the lack of organs for transplantation." A spokesman for the Human Tissue Authority, the regulatory body which implements the Human Tissue Act, said: "We have put systems and guidance in place so that professionals have confidence they are acting within a clear regulatory framework.

"As a result we hope that public confidence will increase. We believe that a beneficial effect of the Act will be an increase in organs available for transplantation. Anything that helps this to be implemented, within the legislation, is welcomed by us." At present there are just 12 transplant "co-ordinators" - nurses who are specially trained to deal with distressed relatives - in the whole of the NHS. The APPKG wants to see this figure increased to 40, placing one professional co-ordinator in every specialist neurological centre. Following the US model, they would be responsible for training other nurses. Alongside a new approach to dealing with relatives, there would also have to be a significant increase in facilities for testing, identifying and monitoring suitable donors and transplant patients, said the report. In addition more doctors would need to be trained as transplant surgeons. The report also recommends making more use of organs from non-heart-beating donors. New technology has only recently made it possible to transplant organs from dead people whose hearts have stopped beating. In other cases, the heart of a "brain dead" donor is kept beating artificially. According to the report, around 800 potential donor organs are lost each year from non-heart-beating donors.





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**NHS overhaul call over donor laws  
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## Transplant law 'likely to fail'

**Legal changes aimed at increasing organ donations are likely to fail without an overhaul of NHS transplant services, a report by MPs and peers has warned.**

The Human Tissue Act means doctors in England, Wales and Northern Ireland can take organs from dead donor card carriers even if families object.

But the All Party Parliamentary Kidney Group (APPKG) said this was unlikely without staff to deal with relatives.

The Human Tissue Authority (HTA) hopes public faith in the system would rise.

### 'Difficult decision'

The More Transplants, Saving More Lives report said surgeons were unlikely to want confrontation with families unless there were more back-up staff specially trained to deal sensitively with the situation.

It added that even if there were more organs available there were too few transplant surgeons and insufficient laboratory and support facilities.

The APPKG wants to see the number of transplant co-ordinators, who deal with distressed relatives, increased from 12 to 40 who would then pass on training to other nurses.

The National Kidney Federation (NKF) has backed the parliamentarians' report.

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There are 6,000 patients on the kidney waiting list but only about 1,800 transplants were carried out in the UK last year.

Organ transplant expert Professor Andrew Bradley, of Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, said without clear guidelines for surgeons they were unlikely to ignore the wishes of relatives who objected strongly to donation.

British Transplantation Society trustee Dr Anthony Warrens urged the development of a system that would help grieving families deal with the difficult decision of whether to agree to the use of an organ.

### **'Beneficial effect'**

The HTA is the regulatory body for the Human Tissue Act which came into force on 1 September.

An HTA spokesman said: "We have put systems and guidance in place so that professionals have confidence they are acting within a clear regulatory framework. As a result we hope that public confidence will increase.

"We believe that a beneficial effect of the Act will be an increase in organs available for transplantation. Anything that helps this to be implemented, within the legislation, is welcomed by us."

The report also calls for an increase in efforts to identify suitable donors and transplant patients, and more surgeons to be trained.

It recommends a rise in donations from people whose heart has stopped beating which has only recently been made possible by advances in technology.

The law in Scotland is covered by the Human Tissue (Scotland) Act which also came into effect on 1 September



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Doctors will still be expected to respect the preferences and religious wishes of families, experts said. Tim Statham, chief executive of the federation, said: "Despite the provisions of the Act, we do not expect surgeons to now ignore the strongly held wishes of relatives."

However, an increase in the availability of organs, and in the time for testing, identification and monitoring of suitable donors and transplant patients, would put stresses on the capacity of surgeons and transplant centres, he said.

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The NHS is cancelling more than 620 operations a day because of administrative errors, it was claimed last night. Mistakes such as failing to book operating theatres or to inform patients of the date resulted in about 162,500 procedures being abandoned last year. The Conservative MP Grant Shapps has used Freedom of Information laws to request data from trusts in England and Wales



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## Kidney transplant rules 'in need of review'

Rules governing kidney transplantations are in need of an overhaul if the growing number of people with renal failure waiting for a transplant is to be tackled, a group of politicians has warned.

Although the government introduced the Human Tissue Act in 2004, the all-party parliamentary kidney group (APPKG) believes that there has not been an indication in the past two years of an increase in transplant rates.

In the 12 months prior to March 31st 2006 just one third of patients on the waiting list for a donor kidney received a transplant.

"Too few transplant operations take place in the UK. The availability of organs (from live or deceased donors) is far below the level of demand," said Dr Evan Harris MP, co-chair of the APPKG.

"Many in the renal community felt that an opportunity to move to an opt-out system of donation was missed in the Human Tissue Act 2004. Nevertheless there were significant changes made, some of which hold out hope for improvement. Time will tell but for those waiting that time comes at a cost," he added.

According to the APPKG, which is made up of 174 members of parliament and lords, the UK has one of the lowest rates of donation and transplantation in Europe as the NHS does not have the capacity and structure to improve them and support personnel are "stretched to the limit".

Some relatives of donors are also adding to the problem as currently 50 per cent of organs are lost due to relatives refusing to permit the use of organs, including cases where the donor had expressed a wish to donate organs upon death.

If the number of transplant operations is increased, then the APPKG believes that the lives of many patients would be extended and the NHS would save money in the long-run.

As such the APPKG is calling on the government to review its transplantation policies and, if five years after the introduction of the Human Tissue Act 2004 there has not been sufficient increases in transplantation rates, then parliament must consider undertaking further measures.



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Responding to the APPKG's report, a spokesman for the Human Tissue Authority (HTA), which implements the Human Tissue Act, said systems and guidance already put in place should give professionals confidence that they are acting "within a clear regulatory framework".

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Channel 4	16.10.06	12:17:23	New Law	NEW LAW - a new law could fail if the NHS doesn't changes its transplant services. THE HUMAN TISSUE ACT allows doctors in England, Wales and Northern Ireland to take organs from dead donor card carriers even it families object. Today report claims that is unlikely to happen in practice. It warns that without more backup stuff surgeons are likely to avoid confrontations. STUDIO INTERVIEW: DOCTOR EVAN HARRIS, CHAIR, ALL PARTY KIDNEY GROUP, SPEAKING LIVE FROM WESTMINSTER - that should increase the number of donations. Our worry is capacity of the transplant system mustn't ever be a constraint. There must be more capacity. What the NATIONAL KIDNEY FEDERATION and the BMI called for a system of presumed consent. The government rejected that. Now we have the OPT IN SYSTEM. We are asking the government to keep an open mind.	435,908	1,307,724



**National Newspaper update**

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The Times	16.10.06	Health Service cannot meet transplant target	699,425	2,098,275



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By David Rose

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BBC Radio 4 FM	16.10.06	06:56:41	KIDNEY TRANSPLANT CONCERN	KIDNEY TRANSPLANT CONCERN - too many kidney donations are being stopped by relatives overriding the wishes of the donor. That is against the law now. STUDIO INTERVIEW: TIM STATHAM, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, NATIONAL KIDNEY FEDERATION - half the available kidneys are lost in this way but in any case the NHS is not geared up for the number of transplants required. It has to get its act in order. We have trained coordinators but the trouble is the NHS doesn't call them in. Sometimes relatives are unaware that the donor has expressed such a wish.	93,114	279,342
BBC Radio 4 FM	16.10.06	07:09:32	NHS TRANSPLANT SERVICE	NHS TRANSPLANT SERVICE - there is concern that the change in the law is being undermined by lack of resources.	93,114	279,342
BBC Radio 4 FM	16.10.06	07:36:54	NEWS HEADLINES	NEWS HEADLINES - KELLY TO HOLD EXTREMISM TALKS ISRAEL PRESIDENT ACCUSED OF RAPE ID FRAUD PREVENTION WEEK BEGINS MERKEL PROMISES TO TACKLE RED TAPE LANGELED GAS PIPELINE OPENS NHS TRANSPLANT SERVICE OVERHAUL CALL MADONNA ADOPTION CHALLENGED	93,114	279,342
BBC Radio 4 FM	16.10.06	08:07:23	NHS TRANSPLANT SERVICE	NHS TRANSPLANT SERVICE - there are concerns that a change in the law is being undermined by lack of resources. INTERVIEW: TIM STATHAM, NATIONAL KIDNEY FEDERATION - no transplant surgeon would wish to go against the wishes of relatives but this is about consultation	93,114	279,342





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BBC Radio 5 Live	16.10.06	05:31:18	NHS TRANSPLANT SERVICES URGED TO IMPROVE	NHS TRANSPLANT SERVICES URGED TO IMPROVE - peers and MPs want more donor organs.	87,298	261,894
BBC Radio 5 Live	16.10.06	06:19:10	ORGAN TRANSPLANTS	ORGAN TRANSPLANTS - MPs say patients are being failed by an NHS system that needs a complete overhaul. STUDIO INTERVIEW: TIM STATHAM, NATIONAL KIDNEY FEDERATION	87,298	261,894



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i.c. Essex.co.uk	16.10.06	NHS overhaul call over donor laws	N/A	N/A
i.c. Ealing.co.uk	16.10.06	NHS overhaul call over donor laws	N/A	N/A
i.c. Solihull.co.uk	16.10.06	NHS overhaul call over donor laws	N/A	N/A
i.c. Kent.co.uk	16.10.06	NHS overhaul call over donor laws	N/A	N/A
i.c. Huddersfield.co.uk	16.10.06	NHS overhaul call over donor laws	N/A	N/A
i.c. North Wales.co.uk	16.10.06	NHS overhaul call over donor laws	N/A	N/A
i.c. Surrey Online.co.uk	16.10.06	NHS overhaul call over donor laws	N/A	N/A
i.c. South London.co.uk	16.10.06	NHS overhaul call over donor laws	N/A	N/A
i.c. Berkshire.co.uk	16.10.06	NHS overhaul call over donor laws	N/A	N/A
i.c. Birmingham.co.uk	16.10.06	NHS overhaul call over donor laws	N/A	N/A
i.c. Liverpool.co.uk	16.10.06	NHS overhaul call over donor laws	N/A	N/A
i.c Croydon.co.uk	16.10.06	NHS overhaul call over donor laws	N/A	N/A
i.c. The Wharf.co.uk	16.10.06	NHS overhaul call over donor laws	N/A	N/A
i.c. Scotland.co.uk	16.10.06	NHS overhaul call over donor laws	N/A	N/A
i.c Hounslow.co.uk	16.10.06	NHS overhaul call over donor laws	N/A	N/A
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i.c. Wales.co.uk	16.10.06	NHS overhaul call over donor laws	N/A	N/A
i.c. Cheshire Online.co.uk	16.10.06	NHS overhaul call over donor laws	N/A	N/A
i.c. Coventry.co.uk	16.10.06	NHS overhaul call over donor laws	N/A	N/A
The Bradford Telegraph	16.10.06	NHS overhaul call over donor laws	N/A	N/A



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BBC Radio Cleveland	16.10.06	09:04:25	ORGAN DONOR LAWS	ORGAN DONOR LAWS - A group of MPs and members of the HOUSE OF LORDS say new laws designed to increase the number of organ donors will not work unless there is more investment in NHS transplant services.	22,140	66,420
BBC Radio Devon	16.10.06	08:03:32	HUMAN TISSUE ACT	HUMAN TISSUE ACT - a group of MPs and members of the HOUSE OF LORDS says legal changes intended to increase the supply of donor organs are likely to fail without an overhaul of the NHS TRANSPLANT SERVICE.	54,970	164,910
BBC Radio Humberside	16.10.06	07:05:00	DONOR ORGANS	DONOR ORGANS - there are fears new laws to increase supply donor organs are unlikely work unless NHS transplant services improve.	11,307	33,921
BBC Radio Leicester	16.10.06	12:02:18	PARLIAMENTARY KIDNEY GROUP SAY NHS TRANSPLANTS NEED CHANGING	PARLIAMENTARY KIDNEY GROUP SAY NHS TRANSPLANTS NEED CHANGING - INTERVIEW: TIM STATCHAM, NATIONAL KIDNEY FEDERATION - donors are there but relatives are saying no	23,077	69,231

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BBC Radio Leicester	16.10.06		LEGAL CHANGES INTENDED TO INCREASE SUPPLY OF DONORS OF ORGANS	LEGAL CHANGES INTENDED TO INCREASE SUPPLY OF DONORS OF ORGANS - a group of MPs and members of the House of Lords say legal changes intended to increase supply of donors of organs are likely to fail without an overhaul of the NHS transplant service. INTERVIEW: TIM STATHAM, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, NATIONAL KIDNEY FEDERATION - the NHS is not geared up to do more transplants. 400 patients die each year waiting for a transplant. There is no transplant culture in hospitals so opportunities for transplant are wasted every day. We bury 3,000 kidneys every day and yet they could be used to save lives. I want the NHS to start to get their act sorted out with more beds, more surgeons and identifying opportunities for transplant and acting on them.	23,077	69,231
BBC Radio Newcastle	16.10.06	08:03:23	DONOR ORGANS	DONOR ORGANS - a group of MPs and members of the HOUSE OF LORDS says legal changes intended to increased the supply are likely to fail without an overhaul of the NHS transplant service.	61,198	183,594
BBC Radio Newcastle	16.10.06	09:02:44	NEW LAWS TO INCREASE SUPPLY OF DONOR ORGANS	NEW LAWS TO INCREASE SUPPLY OF DONOR ORGANS - a group of MPs and members of the HOUSE OF LORDS is warning new laws are unlikely to work unless NHS transplant services improve.	61,198	183,594



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BBC 1 South West	16.10.06	18:42:56	KIDNEY TRANSPLANT	KIDNEY TRANSPLANT - Donation of a kidney made by one sister. There is shortage of kidney donors. SOUTH WEST ORGANS CENTRE, DERESFORD HOSPITAL carried out major operations. SIMON ASHCROFT reported on the remarkable journey. dialysis system keeps her alive. INTERVIEW: LYNDA DYER , KIDNEY DONOR - There were other sisters offering a kidney		
BBC Radio Wales	16.10.06	06:03:50	GROUP OF MPS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS SAY LEGAL CHANGES INTENDED TO INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF DONOR ORGANS ARE LIKELY TO FAIL WITHOUT AN OVERHAUL	GROUP OF MPS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS SAY LEGAL CHANGES INTENDED TO INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF DONOR ORGANS ARE LIKELY TO FAIL WITHOUT AN OVERHAUL OF THE NHS TRANSPLANT SERVICE, the Human Tissue Act which came into force last month removes the right of relatives to prevent doctors using organs of a dead family member - Jane Warr reporting - report says lack of staff trained to deal with such sensitive issues means surgeons likely to agree to relatives wishes to avoid confrontation.	35,485	106,455
Heart FM (West Midlands)	16.10.06	17:02:26	DOUBT CAST ON LEGAL CHALLENGES TO ORGAN TRANSPLANTS	DOUBT CAST ON LEGAL CHALLENGES TO ORGAN TRANSPLANTS - INTERVIEW: TIMOTHY STATHEM, NATIONAL KIDNEY DONATION FEDERATION - the NHS is not geared up for the amount of operations.	225,176	675,528
Imagine FM	16.10.06	17:02:00	ORGAN TRANSPLANTS STILL NOT NUMEROUS AS DESIRED	ORGAN TRANSPLANTS STILL NOT NUMEROUS AS DESIRED - INTERVIEW: TIMOTHY STATHAM , NATIONAL KIDNEY FEDERATION	16,696	50,088





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Pirate FM	16.10.06	17:04:12	ORGAN TRANSPLANT LAWS	ORGAN TRANSPLANT LAWS - there are claims new organ transplant laws won't work.	23,077	69,231
Rugby FM	16.10.06	17:02:26	DOUBT CAST ON LEGAL CHALLENGES TO ORGAN TRANSPLANTS	DOUBT CAST ON LEGAL CHALLENGES TO ORGAN TRANSPLANTS - INTERVIEW: TIMOTHY STATHEM, NATIONAL KIDNEY DONATION FEDERATION - the NHS is not geared up for the amount of operations.	9,415	28,245





### International pick-up update

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Haber Saglik	16.10.06	NHS overhaul call over donor laws	Turkey	N/A	N/A





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### NHS overhaul call over donor laws

**Legal changes introduced to increase the supply of donor organs are likely to fail without a sweeping overhaul of NHS transplant services, an expert body of MPs and peers has claimed.** The Human Tissue Act, which came into force on September 1, removed the automatic right of relatives to prevent doctors using organs from a dead family member.

Doctors in England, Wales and Northern Ireland can now lawfully take organs from dead donor card carriers even if families object, but in practice this is unlikely to happen under the current system, according to a report from the All Party Parliamentary Kidney Group (APPKG).

Without more back-up staff specially trained to deal sensitively with such issues, surgeons were likely to agree to relatives' wishes and avoid confrontation.

Even if extra organs were made available, there were too few transplant surgeons with the skills to use them, and insufficient laboratory and support facilities, said the "More Transplants, Saving More Lives" report.

Around 1,800 kidney transplants were carried out in the UK last year. Yet there are 6,000 patients on the official kidney waiting list, and a further estimated 14,000 people who could benefit from a transplant.

The figures put Britain at the bottom of the league table of transplant rates in western Europe.

Before the Human Tissue Act, half of all relatives approached refused permission for doctors to take a dead loved one's organ.

Tim Statham, chief executive of the National Kidney Federation, which is supporting the APPKG, said: "Despite the provisions of the Human Tissue Act we do not expect surgeons to now ignore the strongly-held wishes of relatives. It is more likely that the way in which grieving relatives are approached about transplantation will change. It will be important to monitor the impact of these changes on family refusal rates."

Human Tissue Act guidelines say doctors should encourage families to respect the wishes of dead prospective donors, but Professor Andrew Bradley, a leading expert on organ

transplantation based at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, pointed out: "If the relatives still object strongly, the code of practice does not provide unambiguous guidance on how to proceed, stating that there may be cases when it is inappropriate to proceed with donation. Under these circumstances transplant surgeons and co-ordinators would be unwilling to go against the views of grieving relatives."

