

Health and Social Care Committee

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Organ Donation White Paper – Points of clarification following 8 December meeting

To: Health and Social Care Committee

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ORGAN DONATION WHITE PAPER: TECHNICAL BRIEFING FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS – POINTS OF CLARIFICATION

Purpose

1. Annex A to this paper contains points of clarification, provided by the Minister's officials, further to the technical briefing on the Organ Donation White Paper.

Background

2. During the technical briefing on 8 December, the Minister's officials agreed to provide the Committee with clarification of the following points—
 - a list of Third Sector organisations included in the consultation exercise on the White Paper;
 - details of future public meetings on the White Paper;
 - clarification as to whether the current arrangements for organ and tissue donation extend to England and Wales only, or also include Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Action

3. Members are invited to note the contents of Annex A.

ANNEX A

Points of Clarification for the Health and Social Services Committee

1. While the consultation is on the website and open to all voluntary sector organisations to respond to, we specifically drew it to the attention of:

Kidney Wales Foundation
Transplant 2013
Diabetes UK
Children In Wales
Welsh Kidney Patients Association
British Heart Foundation
Donor Family Network
Patient concern
Age Concern
Age Cymru
Welsh Mental Health Alliance
Anthony Nolan Trust
British Lung Foundation
Cystic Fibrosis Trust
British Liver Trust
Live Life then Give Life
RNIB
Learning Disability Wales
British Organ Donor Society
Kidney Research UK
National Kidney Federation
Haemophilia Society
Citizens advice
Snap Cymru
Cruse
Wales Cancer Alliance
Wales Neurological Alliance
Independent Hospices Cymru

In addition, the following organisations were invited to a stakeholder meeting to discuss the issues that would inform the Welsh Government's thinking on the White paper in August 2011 and a further meeting on 8 December to discuss the proposals contained in the White Paper:

Kidney Wales Foundation
Age Concern Torfaen
Welsh Kidney Patients Association
British Heart Foundation
Diabetes UK

British Lung Foundation
Citizens Advice
RNIB
Children in Wales
Age Cymru
Wales Mental Health Alliance
Anthony Nolan Trust
Cystic Fibrosis Trust
British Liver Trust
Live Life Then Give Life
Learning Disability Wales
Haemophilia Society
Snap Cymru
Cruse
RNID
Wales Cancer Alliance
Wales Neurological Alliance
Independent Hospices Cymru
Donor Family Network
Welsh Council for the Deaf

2. The remaining public meetings are as follows:

- Tuesday 13 December 17:00 – 18:30, Barry Memorial Hall, Gladstone Rd, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 8NA
- Tuesday 13 December 19:30 – 21:00 Cardiff - Sports Wales National Centre, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff, CF11 9SW
- Tuesday 20 December -17:30 – 19:00 Wrexham - Glyndŵr University, Plas Coch Site, Mold Road, Wrexham, LL11 2AQ

Further meetings will be organised for January, details of which will be sent to the Committee once finalised.

3. Currently, organs and tissues are matched and allocated on a UK wide basis by NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT), which is a joint England and Wales Special Health Authority.