

**National Health Service in Scotland  
Management Executive**St. Andrew's House  
Edinburgh EH1 3DG

Dear Colleague

**ORGAN DONATION****REIMBURSEMENT OF HOSPITALS MAINTAINING  
POTENTIAL DONORS****Summary**

The working Party on the Supply of Donor Organs for Transplantation chaired by Sir Raymond Hoffenberg in 1987 recommended that "there should be reimbursement to the district health authority for the cost incurred in providing donor organs".

Health Ministers accepted the recommendation as a means of removing a potential obstacle to organ retrieval. In implementing such a scheme, account has been taken of the terms of the Human Organ Transplants Act 1989, which prohibits payments for human organs. Reimbursement should be made to the Health Board (where a directly managed unit is involved) or NHS Trust providing the service.

Ministers have now approved the scheme described below, which will take as its starting date 1 April 1993. This guidance advises Health Boards and Trusts of the terms of the scheme and seeks their co-operation in running it.

**Action**

Health Boards and Trusts are asked to identify any hospital in their area that includes a unit which would satisfy the conditions of the scheme and which would wish to participate. A registration form is attached as an Annex to this letter, and should be completed in respect of each unit which wishes to be considered for participation in the scheme. Completed forms should be returned to:

Dr Chris Rogers  
UKTSSA  
Southmead Road  
BRISTOL  
BS10 5ND  
(Telephone 0272 507777 Ext 212)

**12 August 1993****Addressees**

For action:  
General Managers,  
Health Boards

Chief Executives, NHS  
Trusts

For information:  
General Manager,  
Common Services Agency

General Manager,  
Health Education  
Board for Scotland

To be copied to Unit  
General Managers for  
action

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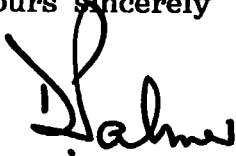
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OR, from October 1993

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Hospitals registered before 1 October 1993 will be reimbursed from 1 April 1993. Hospitals registered after that date will be included from the date of registration.

Yours sincerely



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**REGISTRATION FORM FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF DONOR HOSPITALS -  
SCOTLAND**

**Hospital**

**Address**

**Telephone Number**

**Fax Number**

**Units maintaining potential  
donors  
(eg ITU, paediatric ITU, neuro)**

**Name of person responsible for  
administering scheme**

**Designation**

**Telephone Number**

**Fax Number**

**PGO Number to which  
payments should be made  
(Paymaster General Office)**

**Please return to:**

**Dr C Rogers  
United Kingdom Transplant Support Service Authority  
Southmead Road  
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