

**PE1453/E**

NHS Orkney Letter of 11 January 2013

**Scottish Parliament Public Petition on an opt-out system of organ donation in Scotland**

Please see below the response from NHS Orkney in regard to the above.

A literature base exists around the issue of increasing organ donation e.g. [bma.org.uk/working-for-change/improving-and-protecting-health/organ-donation](http://bma.org.uk/working-for-change/improving-and-protecting-health/organ-donation) and NHS Orkney does not have any unpublished research to add to this.

NHS Orkney communication department has considered the potential of using national resources to promote organ donation.

Opt out systems may provide an increase in organ donation, and NHS Orkney supports measures that raise the issues around organ donation and encourage organ donation.