

Dear Chris

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the assessment report for the above appraisal.

The advice, received from my policy colleagues in the Department, is that we are currently trying to increase organ donation by 50% within five years. In our view, this will need to support increases in heart-beating and non-heart-beating donation.

We feel that the summary appears to infer that the evidence is not yet there, and that further research is required before commissioners are persuaded to invest in this new technology. We believe that, in the meantime, organs will still be preserved and transported in the traditional manner.

In our opinion, commissioners would certainly need to factor the additional costs of purchasing the technology into business planning, should the evidence support its introduction.

With best wishes