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# **Sex Change**

## **Applies to the Deceased Tissue Donor Selection Guidelines**

**Please modify the entry as follows:**

**Discretionary**

a) **A woman who has had her gender reassigned as a man**, accept.

b) **A man who has had his gender reassigned as a woman:**

**1. Pancreatic islets and hepatocytes:**

Current practice for donor selection is similar to that for solid organs and their acceptance is patient specific. There is no specific restriction regarding MSM behaviour but individual risk/benefit assessment is required.

**2. Other tissues/cells:**

A man who, as a man, had not had high risk sexual activity in the last 12 months, can be accepted if, as a woman, they have a sexual relationship with a man.

**See if Relevant**

[Homosexual](#) and bisexual individuals  
[Surgery](#)

**Additional Information**

The guidance has been changed in line with recommendations from the Advisory Committee on the Safety of Blood, Tissues and Organs (SaBTO). The recommendations have been noted by the English Department of Health and the devolved authorities in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

A careful and sympathetic consideration of sexual risk factors needs to be undertaken. Men who have sex with other men have a higher chance of having an undiagnosed infection which could be passed to anyone receiving their blood, tissues or cells.

Waiting twelve months from the last sexual contact helps to ensure that the infections tested for by the Blood & Tissues Services will be picked up.

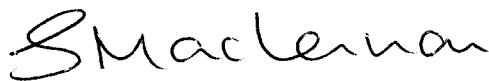
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**Reason for Change**

To allow the collection of pancreatic islets and hepatocytes without a deferral period from donors with a history of male-sex-with-male behaviour.

For other tissues/cells, to allow donation 12 months after last male-sex-with-male sexual contact.

For new links to be added.



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