



## JHOD Newsletter: July 2019

This is an exciting time for promoting organ donation in our communities. There is a lot happening and there is a lot we need to do. This newsletter provides further information on the following:

- The launch of new resources from the Parliamentary meeting on 10 July
- Launch of social media
- The invitation to bid for funding from NHSBT as an organisation
- Invitation to respond to consultation on the Code of Practice from the Human Tissue Authority (HTA)
- Call to action

## Organ Donation Resource Launch -- 10 July 2019 at Parliament

A packed room in Parliament witnessed the launch of Hindu and Jain videos and leaflets surrounding the change of law on organ donation in England. Lord Gadhia convened the meeting. The Chief Guest was Rt Hon Matt Hancock, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care. Millie Banerjee, Chair of NHSBT, also thanked the Hindu and Jain communities for what was being doing to promote organ donation. Bob Blackman MP expressed his full support to the launch and campaign. Kirit Modi, Chair of JHOD Steering Group took the opportunity to thank steering group members and others for the amazing work they had done, working in partnership with NHSBT, in producing excellent resources and announced a call to action for everyone in our communities.

Photos from the evening:



*Left to Right: Lord Gadhia and the Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care*



*Left to Right: Kirit Modi, Millie Banerjee and Lord Gadhia*

*The meeting was a full house.*



*Below: Lord Gadhia with some members of the JHOD Steering Group*

*Left to right: Akshaya Rajangam, Dr Harsha Jani, Kirit Modi, Dr Neil Soneji, Lord Gadhia, Pramod Thakkar, Prafula Shah, Manhar Mehta, Vijay Sheth and Bharti Bhikha.*





The following resources were launched by members of the JHOD Steering Group.

*Below: Dr Neil Soneji launched the Hindu video.*



*Below: Pramodbhai Thakkar launched the Hindu leaflet.*



*Below: Prafula Shah launched the Jain video.*



*Below: Manharbhai Mehta launched the Jain leaflet.*



Please click [here](#) to access the full press release from the organ donation launch that took place on 10 July at Parliament.

Each of the four resources mentioned on the previous pages can be accessed via the links below.

1) **Hindu video:** [https://youtu.be/\\_lmzEknTunE](https://youtu.be/_lmzEknTunE)

2) **Hindu leaflet:** <https://nhsbtdbe.blob.core.windows.net/umbraco-assets-corp/16471/hindu-communities-organ-donation-after-death.pdf> (Direct access to pdf)

A website page has been created to provide Hindu perspectives to organ donation. You can access from the link directly below:

<https://www.organdonation.nhs.uk/helping-you-to-decide/your-faith-and-beliefs/hinduism/>

3) **Jain video:** <https://youtu.be/xj-6j-gF9yY>

4) **Jain leaflet:** <https://nhsbtdbe.blob.core.windows.net/umbraco-assets-corp/16472/jain-initiative-organ-donation.pdf> (Direct access to pdf)

A website page has been created to provide Jain perspectives to organ donation. You can access from the link directly below:

<https://www.organdonation.nhs.uk/helping-you-to-decide/your-faith-and-beliefs/jainism/>

Hard copies of the Hindu and Jain leaflets are available, free of charge on request. Please contact Prof Sejal Saglani, Chair of Health Team, BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha, [ssaglani@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ssaglani@yahoo.co.uk) for the Hindu leaflets and contact Manharbhai Mehta, Chairman of Vanik Council UK, [Manhar.mehta@vanikcouncil.uk](mailto:Manhar.mehta@vanikcouncil.uk) for the Jain leaflets.

### **Social media:**

We also launched a Facebook page for JHOD in Parliament, which is led by Prafula Shah. You can access this by searching for JHOD on Facebook. Akshaya Rajangam has led on setting up our Twitter account @JHOD\_UK. Please use these to spread the message about organ donation.

<https://www.facebook.com/jhoduk/> and [https://twitter.com/JHOD\\_UK](https://twitter.com/JHOD_UK)

### Invitation to bid for funding from NHSBT:

The invitation for organisations to bid for funding to explain the change in law on organ donation has just been [published](#). **Bids have to be submitted by 1 September 2019** and there is a workshop on **7 August in London** for everyone interested in bidding. Please book your place directly by contacting [community.funding@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:community.funding@nhsbt.nhs.uk)

JHOD steering group members have extensive experience of working with our communities on organ donation. We are very happy to offer advice on developing bids to Hindu and Jain groups. Please contact Kirit Modi ( [kiritmodi1@hotmail.com](mailto:kiritmodi1@hotmail.com) ) for advice.

The link below also takes you to the NHSBT website page to apply for bidding: <https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/bamefundingcall/>

### Consultation on Code of Practice - Human Tissue Authority:

The HTA has recently published the draft Code of Practice on how the law will be implemented in England from spring 2020. This is an important document and JHOD will be responding to it. JHOD has arranged a meeting to discuss the draft code with the Chief Executive of the HTA on **5 August 2019, from 4pm to 5 pm, in Central London**. Please contact Kirit Modi if you wish to attend this meeting by **Wednesday 31 July 2019**.

You can complete the HTA consultation via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YNQ2YDF>

Prafula Shah and Kirit Modi have responded to the Department of Health, on behalf of JHOD Steering Group, on the separate consultation on novel and rare transplants. We have supported the government proposals that such transplants should be excluded from the change to opt out in England. We have requested that a summary of the decisions on novel and rare transplants should be published for the general public and that it should be translated into community languages.

## Call to Action:

It is important that all of us take action before the law is implemented in Spring 2020. A list of actions you may wish to take as an individual, or as an organisation was shared at the meeting at Parliament on 10 July and is provided below and via a link should you wish to share further.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ffGohEN9UBqI2Mi80kAPRcHaA1XWc6tW/view?usp=sharing>



## Organ Donation:

**Call to Action:** We are requesting you to use this form to consider how you can help in explaining the change in law to members of the Hindu and Jain communities in England.

### Actions as an individual:

I will register on the Organ Donor Register (if I have not done so already) to donate organs after I die.

Yes     No

I will register my decision not to donate my organs after I die (if applicable).

Yes     No

I will discuss my decision with close family members.

Yes     No

I will encourage my family members to register on the Organ Donor Register.

Yes     No

I will share and disseminate the Hindu/Jain videos and leaflets on organ donation with my family members and friends by using the following methods below. Please tick all relevant boxes that apply if any.

WhatsApp



Facebook

Twitter

Email

**Actions as a community leader:**

I will initiate discussion about organ donation in my local community.

 Yes  No

I will publicise Hindu/ Jain videos and leaflets in my local community

 Yes  No

I will share my views on organ donation in public.

 Yes  No

I will plan a meeting to discuss the change in law in my community and ensure it is well attended.

 Yes  No

(We have a number of Hindu and Jain festivals between now and spring 2020. Paryushan is between 26 August and 3 September 2019 and Diwali will be on 27 October 2019 this year).

I will consider applying for funding from the Community Investment Scheme this summer.

 Yes  No

I will seek support from JHOD, as needed.

 Yes  No

Members of the JHOD Steering Group are available to offer their help and support, including advice on developing a bid for funding. Please contact Kirit Modi by email on [infojhod@gmail.com](mailto:infojhod@gmail.com) or by phone on 07929 778440, in the first instance for further information.

**Thank you for your continued support and taking part in this Call to Action.**