

U.K. TO HAVE NEW ORGAN DONATION LAW

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The U.K. government on Sunday announced new plans to change the law for organ and tissue donation to address the urgent need for organs within Indian-origin community in the country.

The proposed new system of consent for organ and tissue donation, which will presume that people have agreed to transplants unless they have specifically opted out, is expected to come into effect in England in 2020 as part of a drive to help Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) people.

Legislation to introduce the new framework will be debated in Parliament later this year, the health department said on Sunday.

The announcement came after a report called on the NHS to take more proactive action to address the high death rate among Indian-origin people in Britain due to low levels of organ donation within the community.

According to NHS records, only 7% of donors last year were from BAME backgrounds, with Indians accounting for just 1.9%. Further, 21% of people who died on the organ donation waiting list in the U.K. last year were from a BAME background.

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