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## DONATION ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Donation Ethics Committee (DEC) has been established under the auspices of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges. Our primary purpose is to provide a forum for discussion and resolution of ethical and related issues that may act as barriers to organ donation. We therefore see our role as responding to the needs of clinicians and other healthcare professionals, providing practical guidance and support. We are aiming to take a broad and inclusive approach, addressing issues that may be relevant to organ donation and transplantation, such as the concerns of some faith groups. It should be noted the Committee will provide general guidance only, not treatment advice on individual cases.

The chair and members have all been appointed following an open competition – a full list is attached. Further details about the terms of reference and the work of the committee will be made available on the Academy website in due course ([www.aomrc.org.uk](http://www.aomrc.org.uk)). The DEC will meet for the first time on 9 February 2010.

We are starting to develop our work programme, and want to ensure that we are prioritising the issues most relevant to clinical practice. We would welcome views from health professionals and others on the questions and issues that DEC should address. We would also be interested in any comments on how the DEC should interact with stakeholders.

Please forward any thoughts you may have to Helen Lovell, Secretary to the DEC.

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**DONATION ETHICS COMMITTEE, JANUARY 2010**

Sir Peter Simpson (Chair)	Past President, Royal College of Anaesthetists
Paula Aubrey	Regional Manager, NHS Blood and Transplant
Kesh Baboolal	Consultant Physician and Nephrologist, University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff
Joe Brierley	Consultant Paediatrician, Great Ormond St Hospital
Graham Brushett	Lay member
Stephen Cole	Consultant in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee
Bobbie Farsides	Professor of Clinical and Biomedical Ethics at the Brighton and Sussex Medical School
Leslie Hamilton	Consultant Cardiac Surgeon, Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne
Gurch Randhawa	Professor of Diversity in Public Health and Director of the Institute for Health Research at the University of Bedfordshire.
Anthony Warrens	Professor of Renal and Transplantation Medicine at Imperial College London.
Helen Lovell (Secretary)	Academy of Medical Royal Colleges
(Observers from NHS Blood and Transplant, Human Tissue Authority and the Health Departments of the UK)	