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**3 Deputy R.J. Renouf of St. Ouen of the Chairman of the Comité des Connétables regarding people's registration as organ donors when completing a driving licence application: [OQ.53/2018]**

What has been the outcome of the decision of the Comité des Connétables to invite people to register as organ donors when completing a driving licence application?

**Connétable L. Norman of St. Clement (Chairman, Comité des Connétables):**

The invitation to register as organ donors when completing a driving licence application has been well received by the public but the outcome has been less than satisfactory. The National Health Service Blood Transfusion and Transplant Service have undergone a significant I.C.T. (information and communications technology) transformation and the resource required to support new access partners for the organ donor register has not been available. This has, to date, prevented the transfer of data to the N.H.S. (National Health Service) but we expect this will be achieved in the next couple of months.

**3.3.1 The Deputy of St. Ouen:**

Have the Parishes contacted those 14,720 persons who have made their wishes known and made the explanation? If it is not possible, at the end of the day, to record those names on the register will the Parishes write again to inform those persons and to point them to the N.H.S. application website?

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**The Connétable of St. Clement:**

With hindsight, of course the Parishes should have contacted those people before now but in mitigation of course we kept getting assurances that this was going to happen in a relatively short timescale, and we know as well as we can that it is going to be transferred within the next 2 to 3 months. If for any reason that fails, yes, I would undertake that we would make sure that everybody is contacted.

**3.3.2 Deputy K.C. Lewis:**

I have also been communicated with by parishioners regarding organ donation and what the delay was in transferring the data. A lot of people have said they have spoken to their next of kin, as have I - I have got an organ donation card. I spoke to my next of kin. But I did mine direct with the N.H.S. so if anybody has a problem they can go on the website, which is [organdonation.nhs.uk](http://organdonation.nhs.uk), and do it directly, if there is any delay. But if the chairman of the Comité has any problem with that, maybe that is the way to go.

**The Connétable of St. Clement:**

No, there is no problem with that. Certainly, as the Deputy has said, many of those who completed the form - the driving licence application form - would have discussed this with their families and that is the very important thing. That is the way the National Health Service wish us now, or our Islanders, to come on to the donor list is by going through the N.H.S. Blood Transfusion and Transplant website.

**3.3.3 The Deputy of St. Ouen:**

Can the chairman say what will happen to the forms, which have that piece on the forms that invite people to register their organ donation wishes, particularly as I understand many driving licences are

coming to the end of their 10-year validity and there will be a need for many people to renew their licences soon. Are they going to fall into the same trap? Are we adopting the same procedure? Will organ donation feature on the form?

**The Connétable of St. Clement:**

It will not feature in the way it has done. There might be a note on there to redirect, or to advise people who wish to, directly to the website that Deputy Kevin Lewis was referring to. But, no, we will have to change the form because the system will change, and as soon as they have been approved by the Minister for Infrastructure, which they have to be by law, the current ones will be withdrawn and new ones will be used, and certainly well in time for what we call the bulk renewal of driving licences, yes.