



## NOTTO Initiatives

**Source: IE**

Recently, the [National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation \(NOTTO\)](#) issued key initiatives regarding **cornea and tissue transplants**.

- **Centralised Database:** NOTTO is developing a centralised database for patients awaiting [cornea and other tissue transplants](#).
- **Mandatory Linking:** All organ transplant, retrieval centres, **cornea transplant centres**, and **tissue banks** must link their data to **NOTTO's national registry**.
- **Eye Banks Performance:** Eye banks are expected to collect a minimum of **50 eyes or 100 corneas per year**.
  - Under the [Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 1994 \(THOTA\)](#), eye banks must collect at least **500 corneas over five years** to maintain their certification.
- **Presumed Consent for Cornea Donation:** NOTTO is considering an **opt-out model** for cornea donation, where hospital deaths are **presumed cornea donors** unless the individual has **explicitly opted out**.
- NOTTO is the **apex organisation** set up under the **Directorate General of Health Services**, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to **monitor organ and tissue transplant** services.

**Read More:** [NOTTO Annual Report 2023-24](#)

PDF Reference URL: <https://www.drishtiias.com/printpdf/notto-initiatives>