

Term	HTA definition
Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)	A document that sets out the established process to be followed to complete a task.
Stem cell	A precursor cell that can develop into more than one kind of cell. For example, early bone marrow cells can develop into red blood cells, white blood cells or platelets.
Tissue	Any and all constituent part/s of the human body formed by cells.
Transplant Unit	A department within a hospital that provides range of transplant services to patients.
Transplantation	An implant of an organ or part organ, tissue or cells either from and into the same body or from one person to another.
Valid consent	Consent which has been given voluntarily, by an appropriately informed person who has the capacity to agree to the activity in question. Valid consent is explained in detail in Code A: Guiding principles and the fundamental principle of consent.
Welfare deputy	A person who has been appointed and given the power to make certain decisions by the Court of Protection (see section 16(2)(b) of the Mental Capacity Act). Welfare deputies are only appointed in England and Wales.
Work-up process (in organ, bone marrow and PBSC donation cases)	A full medical assessment process involving a series of medical tests and investigations to determine whether a person is suitable as a living donor.