

# Pauline Hughes submission of 4 November 2022

## PE1911/X – Review of Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006 as it relates to post-mortems

I wish to support this petition for a change in the Human Tissue Act 2006 - Richard Stark's law. I believe as a nurse that research is vital to help progress treatments of all kinds however it is wrong to take / withhold tissue taken at post-mortem. Post-mortems can be completed in less invasive manners with the use of scanners. We need to learn the lessons of the past such as the baby ashes scandal. The Act suggests there are 3 options in post-mortems for tissue samples including returning to family, however in Scotland this was not adhered to in the case of R Stark his parents had to struggle to have his samples to be returned to them.

Change this law to prevent families having this distress after losing a loved one.