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Organ transplants are not carried out in NHS Orkney. Individuals (or their carers if young children) should understand the implications of the treatment they have, including the cancer risk of immunosuppressant therapy. The risk relates to the medication undertaken, and there should be good communication between specialist doctors and general practitioners so that they understand the health issues for the patient. A number of guidance documents exist on immunosuppression.

From a public health perspective "Being skin aware" and knowing what to look for is important for all individuals not just those at identified higher risk, and there should be appropriate population based educational campaigns.