

# How does organ donation happen when you die?



Organ donation surgery needs to happen quickly after a patient has died in order to give the donated organs the best chance of success for the recipient. However the matching of the organs to the right patient or patients can take time.

Organ donors are treated with the same

✓  
respect

✓  
dignity

✓  
& care

as any other patient

and with surgery happening shortly after death, funeral arrangements will not have to be delayed, and families wishing to have an open casket funeral are still able to.

Once the donated organs have been removed, they are carefully transported to hospitals around the UK, ready to be transplanted into the selected recipients.

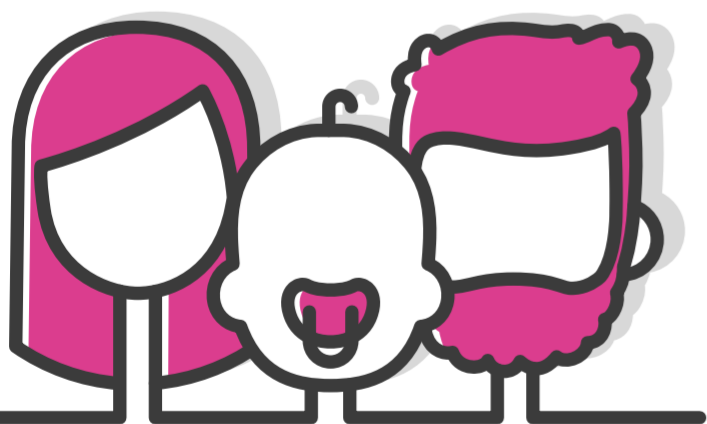
These patients are given another chance at life that they wouldn't have had without the generosity of the donor and their family.

Around 4,000 organ transplants take place across the UK each year thanks to people donating their organs after they've died.

NHS Organ Donor Card

4,000

Yes I donate  
ORGAN DONATION



Many transplant recipients go on to lead a life that would not have been possible without a transplant.

This not only impacts on the recipient but potentially the quality of life of their family too.



You can give hope to patients and their families by registering as an organ donor. Joining the NHS Organ Donor Register and telling your family you want to donate is the best way to ensure your decision is honoured when you die.



Sign up now and tell your family you want to give the gift of life