

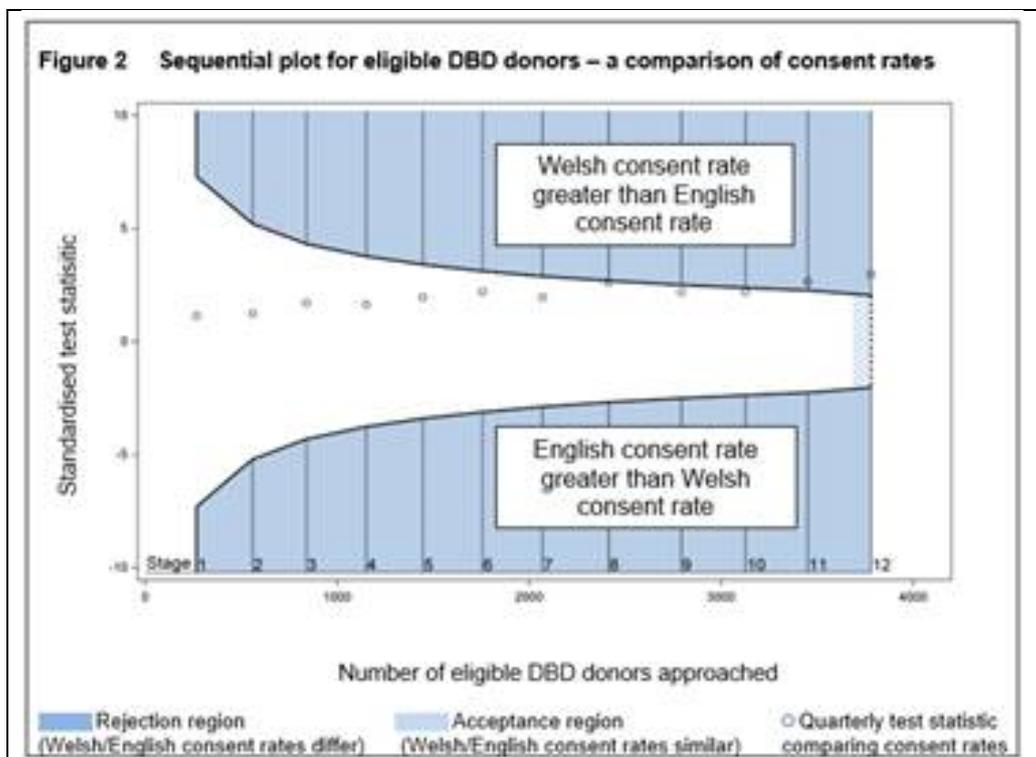


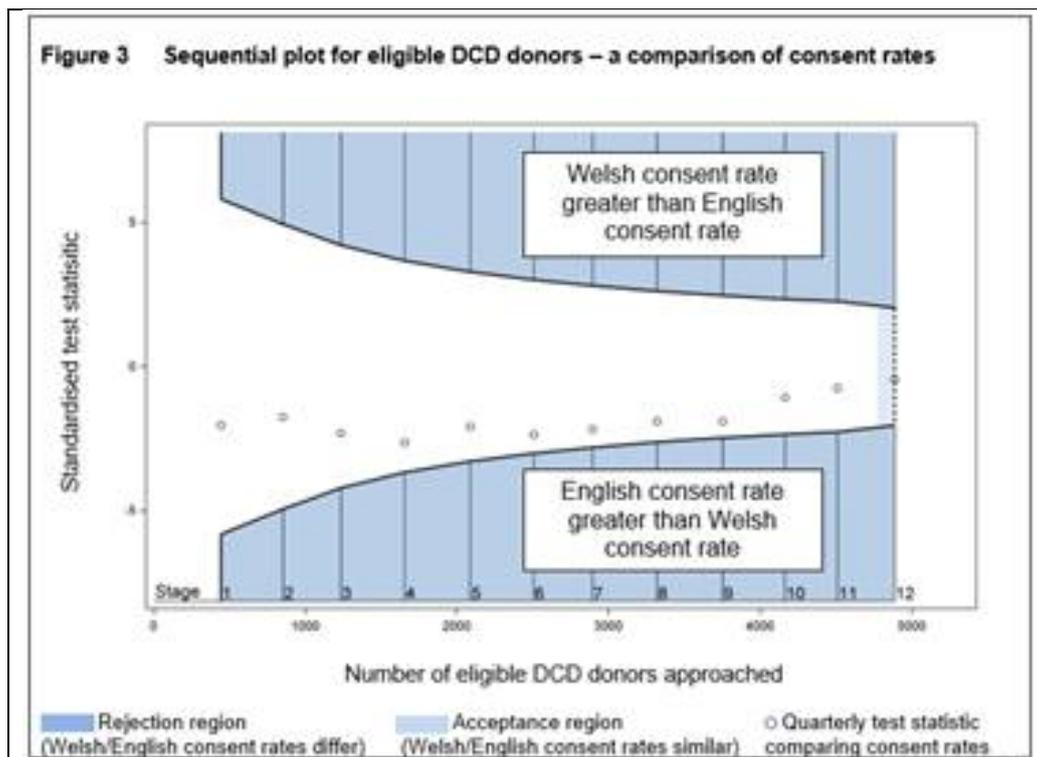
1. Organ donation position - Wales

NHS Blood and Transplant have since 1 January 2016 undertaken an analysis of the effect of the Welsh Legislation on consent/authorisation rates. They have collected cumulative data on consent rates in Wales and compared them to those in England. The report has now concluded and will be presented at the next National Organ Donation Committee meeting on 13 February.

Its conclusion is:

*“In 2018, overall consent/authorisation rates for the four UK nations ranged from 64% in Scotland to 75% in Wales. The sequential study has reached its conclusion following the accumulation of sufficient data. **There is statistical evidence of an increase in the DBD consent rate in Wales when compared to England, however there is no evidence of a difference in the DCD consent rates between the two nations.** Further multivariable analysis is required to determine whether the observed increase in the DBD consent rate in Wales is a result of the introduction of deemed consent having accounted for other factors known to influence consent rates.”*





Positive performance in Wales continues, from April 2018 to December 2018 (three quarters of 2018-19). At the end of the first 3 quarters of 2018/19 there were:

- 41% (1,283,226) of the population were registered as opt-in on the Organ Donation Register. An increase from 40% of the population (1,233,995) compared to the full year of 2017/18.
- 6% (183,385) of the population have opted out on the organ donor register, a stable figure for the last three years
- 72 deceased organ donors, 2 less than at the end of the full year of 2017/18.
- Total number of people waiting for a transplant was 232, compared to 234 at the end of 2017/18.
- 19 people have died whilst on the waiting list.
- 164 organ transplants, compared to 181 for the full year of 2017/18.
 - 135 were deceased donor transplants and 29 were living donor transplants.

2. Legislation in other parts of the world

We also continue to provide assistance to colleagues in the Department of Health and Social Care in relation to the draft Bill currently before Parliament.

3. Communications and awareness

The efforts to increase public awareness, provide information and to measure the public's understanding of the deemed consent law are continuing. The next phase of the Omnibus survey will be published shortly; they are very positive and show increases in awareness and the percentage of respondents who've had a conversation about their decision.

The annual Together for Health Organ Donation Annual Report 2018 was published on 1 December, it can be found here: <https://beta.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2018->

[12/organ-donation-annual-report-2018.pdf](#). The anniversary got good coverage in Welsh media, packaged up with video content and consent rate stats.

The current wave of advertising is performing well, the next burst began on 1 January for two weeks with a possible further burst in March.

Wales achieved good engagement and reach from recent case study and “hero content” videos. Over 23,000 views of Mike’s Stephens (transplant surgeon) video. Further work is being explored for social media content on cornea donation, we have recently highlighted a case study of an corneal donation and partnership with the Marie Curie hospice in Penarth. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-46882627>

4. WTAG

The last Wales Transplantation Advisory Group (WTAG) meeting was held on 19 December, the agenda covered latest performance figures, Transplant Games, organ donation campaign updates and policy updates. The group also recognised the significant contributions of several members who were at their last meeting Christine Weaver a clinical lead for organ donation at Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, Kate May manager of the Wales Renal Clinical Network and Karen Morgan who has been on secondment to Welsh Government from NHSBT.

It was agreed at the meeting following the presentation of the latest performance statistics a letter from the Chair of WTAG and Welsh Government should be sent to staff thanking them for their hard work in the past year and for increasing organ donation rates.

5. British Transplant Games

Newport is hosting the British Transplant Games (BTG) from 25-28 July 2019. The Games was launched on 22 January at Celtic Manor, Newport, and Welsh Government is supporting the games with funding, expertise and publicity.