

Facts about organ and tissue donation

Did they know?

- Around 6,000 people are waiting for a transplant in the UK
- On average three people die a day in need of a transplant because there are not enough organ donors
- One donor can save or transform up to nine lives
- Each year, around 7,000 people die in circumstances where they could donate their organs
- Patients from black and Asian communities wait longer for a kidney transplant than a white patient, due to the lack of suitable organs
- You are more likely to die in circumstances where you can donate your corneas than other organs or tissues
- From Spring 2020, all adults over 18 in England will be considered to have agreed to be an organ donor when they die, unless they had recorded a decision not to donate or are in one of the excluded groups.
- Family members are asked to support donation going ahead at the time of a relative's death
- Whatever your organ donation decision, let close family or friends know to help ensure your decision is honoured. For more information, visit www.organdonation.nhs.uk