

Lesson 2:

The life stories behind organ and tissue donation



Activity 1: Jess Harris' story

Watch the film and answer the questions using the spaces below.

1. What is the name of the condition Jess was diagnosed with?

2. What is Jess waiting for?

3. What is the medical treatment Jess is currently having whilst waiting for a transplant?

4. What does Jess enjoy doing?

5. Why does Jess want her transplant to be as soon as possible?

6. What two things does Jess ask people to do to help?



Activity 1: Charles Obadiaru's story

Watch the film and answer the questions using the spaces below.

1. How old is Charles?

2. What medical condition was he born with and how did this affect his life?

3. How has Charles' life improved since he received a kidney?

4. Is there anything that surprised you when listening to Charles' story?



5. What is Charles' view on people becoming organ and tissue donors?

6. What do you think prevents families from supporting to donate their loved one's organs and tissues?

7. Imagine Charles is your brother, how would you support him through his experience?



Activity 1: Ollie Storey's story

Watch the film and answer the questions using the spaces below.

1. How old was Ollie when he started having problems with his eyesight?

2. At what age did Ollie receive a cornea transplant?

3. What were Ollie's symptoms before he was diagnosed with keratoconus?

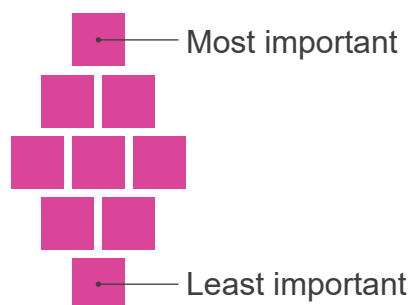
4. What was Ollie's reaction when he opened his eyes after the transplant?

5. What would Ollie say to people who are thinking about donating their corneas?



Activity 2: Diamond nine

What are the strongest arguments for organ and tissue donation?



Arrange the statements in the shape of a diamond to represent your views on the importance of each statement, with the most important at the top point of the diamond shape and the least important at the base.

Add your own reason here:

All major religions in the UK support the principles of organ and tissue donation.

Despite the thousands of life-saving transplant operations that take place every year, around 6,000 people in the UK are on the active waiting list.

An organ or tissue is the greatest gift that anyone can offer.

One organ donor can save or improve the lives of up to nine people.

Your family may take comfort from the fact that your organs and tissues will be used to help other people's lives.

One day it could be someone you know or love, or even you, in need of a transplant.

Your family may take comfort from the fact that your corneas could help someone see again.

Statistically, you're much more likely to need an organ yourself than to be an organ donor.



Activity 3: Moral Dilemmas

Dilemma 1:

A child patient at Great Ormond Street Hospital has a heart defect. The child will eventually die if she does not receive a transplant. Her parents are willing but the girl is scared of the risks and does not want the operation to go ahead.

Dilemma 2:

A politician says that if you are not on the NHS Organ Donor Register, you should not be eligible for a transplant.

Dilemma 3:

A young patient who is brain dead is on the NHS Organ Donor Register, but they did not discuss their decision with their family.

