

Hello and welcome from NHS Blood and Transplant*

Thank you for choosing to download these teaching resources. At NHS Blood and Transplant, we work to save and improve thousands of lives every year through organ and tissue donation. Each year around 5,500 people generously donate their organs after they die (and many others donate a kidney or part of their liver while they are alive). Yet still on average, three people die every day in need of an organ transplant across the UK, because there aren't enough organ donors.

From spring 2020, the law around organ donation in England will be changing to allow more people to pass on more organs to save more lives. Adults, over 18, covered by the change will still have a choice whether they want to be an organ donor and their families will still be involved before organ donation goes ahead. Therefore, it is particularly important that we educate young people about organ donation, so they are aware of how the legislation will affect them when they turn 18.

The resources within this pack were developed, working with teachers and clinicians, to equip secondary school teachers with the knowledge to educate and engage 11-16-year olds (Key Stage 3 and 4 students) about organ and tissue donation, so they feel empowered to discuss organ donation with their families and make informed choices in the future.

Organ and tissue donation is a personal subject, and one that we think sits naturally within PSHE. We have worked to ensure that the resources are user-friendly and adaptable so that they can also be used by anyone and could link to the science curriculum where appropriate.

Please refer to the guidance document for more detail on the resources.

More than 25 million people are already on the NHS Organ Donor Register and all the major religions in the UK support the principles of organ and tissue donation. By adding your support, you can empower many young people to save even more lives in the future.

Many thanks for your interest in this vital subject.



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* NHS Blood and Transplant is a Special Health Authority dedicated to saving and improving lives through the service we provide to the NHS, including managing the National Transplant Database and the NHS Organ Donor Register (ODR), and ensuring that organs and tissue are available to hospitals across the UK. We are also responsible for blood, stem cell, tissue and cord donation.