

Personal Statement

Supporting organ donation in line with the Jewish faith

I agree to my organs and/or tissue being donated after my death and understand that:

The specialist nurse will inform my family about my desire to donate my organs or tissue in accordance with my religious beliefs and practices and will discuss with them how this might be taken forward in line with my stated wishes. This would include considering adapting the donation and organ retrieval process, if appropriate.

My family is entitled to request advice and support from a Rabbi at any stage of the organ donation discussions and process.

In the case of my imminent or confirmed death, my family will be consulted about my decision regarding organ donation. The specialist nurses will support my family in contacting a Rabbi if they wish to consult with them and/or if they wish for a Rabbi to speak to those involved in the donation process.

If my family want a Rabbi to be present with them during the discussions regarding organ donation or at any point of the donation process, including any investigations or procedures which will be performed on my body to support donation, and to receive any relevant information, the specialist nurses will liaise with hospital colleagues to seek support for this happening.

The specialist nurse will share information from the NHS Organ Donor Register with my family where appropriate about my donation decision. The specialist nurses will help my family talk to hospital staff about the care I have received. This will be used to support discussions about the donation process. A Rabbi can be present for these discussions if my family wishes. My family may use this information, if they wish, when they are discussing the potential to fulfil my donation decision with a Rabbi.

If my family (and Rabbi, if present) are assured that my organs or tissue can be donated in a manner compliant with my Jewish faith, then donation can proceed.