



# **Summary of Donor and Transplant Activity**

In the financial year to 31 March 2020, compared with the previous year

- there was a 1% fall in the number of deceased donors to 1,580
- the number of donors after brain death fell by 2% to 946, while the number of donors after circulatory death fell by 1% to 634
- the number of living donors fell by 4% to 1,001, accounting for 39% of the total number of organ donors
- the total number of patients whose lives were potentially saved or improved by an organ transplant fell by 5% to 4,761

The total number of patients registered for a transplant has increased slightly (by 1%), so that:

- there were 6,138 patients waiting for a transplant at the end of February 2020, with a further 3,484 temporarily suspended from transplant lists
- 372 patients died while on the active list waiting for their transplant and a further 746 were removed from the transplant list. The removals were mostly as a result of deteriorating health and ineligibility for transplant and many of these patients would have died shortly afterwards.

Some of the other key messages from this report are that, compared with last year, there has been:

- a fall of 4% in the total number of kidney transplants
- an increase of 1% in the total number of pancreas containing transplants
- a fall of 6% in the total number of liver transplants
- a fall of 5% in the total number of heart transplants
- a fall of 4% in the total number of lung or heart-lung transplants
- the total number of intestinal transplants has remained approximately stable
- a fall of 6% in the total number of corneas retrieved to NHSBT Eye Banks and a fall of 2% in the total number of corneal transplants
- No change in the overall referral rate of potential donors at 94% but an increase in the proportion of approaches where a Specialist Nurse - Organ Donation was present, from 91% to 92%
- an increase in the overall consent/authorisation rate for organ donation from 67% to 68%
- an increase in the number of opt-in registrations on the ODR, from 25.3 to 26.0 million at the end of March 2020. There were 1.5 million opt-out registrants
- an increase in capacity of the National Organ Retrieval Service to now provide 8 abdominal surgical teams on-call at any given time; previously this was 7