



UPDATE FROM THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

1. Organ donation and transplantation position - Wales

Organ donation and transplantation data:

Summary Figures	2019/20	Q1 2020/21
Donors after brain death (DBD)	51	8
Donors after circulatory death (DCD)	24	2
Total deceased donors	75	10
Living donors	29	0
Total patients on active list (end of period)	264	97*
Deceased donor transplants	157	11
Living donor transplants	40	0
Total organ transplants	197	11
Number of people opted-in to the ODR	1,285,472	1,290,378
Percentage of population opted-in to the ODR	41	41
Number of people opted-out from the ODR	189,180	190,780
Percentage of population opted-out from ODR	6	6

* Current waiting list figures do not accurately reflect the need for an organ transplant due to the CoVID-19 pandemic. Different practices have been established across the UK and across organ groups with regards to waiting list management.

Some transplant centres have closed whilst keeping all patients active on their waiting lists with other centres suspending all patients that they would not consider for a transplant.

The Cardiff Transplant Unit recommenced transplants from deceased donors on 29 June and performed 3 transplants in the first week (which are not reflected in the numbers above)

The Welsh Government has published an Operating Framework for the NHS for Q2 and a framework for essential services to support services in the next phase.

<https://gov.wales/nhs-wales-covid-19-operating-framework-quarter-2-2020-2021>

2. Legislation

The Welsh Government has consulted on changes which may be needed to the Human Transplantation (Excluded Relevant Material) (Wales) Regulations 2015 to ensure there is parity with the England regulations and across the organ donation system in England and Wales. The consultation closed on 30 April. We have analysed the responses and are awaiting further advice about when we might be able to lay the regulations before the Senedd and secure a slot for a debate.

3. Communications and awareness

Advertising	On Hold – we are considering the timing of restarting the campaign and in early discussions with the agency about a “campaign refresh” for the final phase. We’ve asked them to look at the public attitudes research and consider what we can do to get the most out of the remainder of our campaign up to March 2021. The research showed awareness levels were still high, but understanding had dropped.
PR	On hold - apart from dealing with reactive queries.
BAME	On Hold

4. Wales Transplantation Advisory Group (WTAG)

WTAG held a virtual meeting on 7 July. Updates were provided and discussed in relation to:

- Organ donation and transplantation performance
- COVID-19 recovery plans
- Length of donation process
- Future organ donation and transplantation strategy

5. Update from the Welsh Blood Service (WBS)

No update at this time.