

**Organ Donation and Transplantation Activity Data:  
NORTHERN IRELAND**



**Blood and Transplant**

Annual data for financial years 2016/17 to 2019/20 and data for 2020/21 - first 2 quarters  
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Summary Figures	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 - first 2 quarters
Organ Donors*					
Donors after brain death (DBD)	32	25	27	32	18
Donors after circulatory death (DCD)	10	15	17	19	7
Total deceased donors	42	40	44	51	25
Living donors	82	69	64	80	8
Transplant Waiting List (active)^**					
Total patients on active list (end of period)	177	137	143	147	115
Organ Transplants^					
Deceased donor transplants	75	115	95	89	134
Living donor transplants	83	67	63	66	8
Total organ transplants	158	182	158	155	142
Organ Donor Register (ODR) (end of period)					
Number of people opted-in to the ODR	721,218	788,863	854,214	885,677	903,990
Percentage of population opted-in to the ODR	39	42	46	47	48
Number of people opted-out from the ODR	205	459	736	1,461	2,224

Organ Transplants^	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 - first 2 quarters
Deceased donor (DD) transplants by organ					
Kidney	45	67	48	44	118
Kidney/pancreas***	2	3	2	1	0
Pancreas islets	1	0	0	2	0
Heart	6	8	7	4	0
Lung(s)	1	6	4	6	2
Heart/lung	0	1	0	0	0
Liver/lobe	19	29	34	31	14
Intestinal	1	1	0	1	0
Total DD transplants	75	115	95	89	134
Living donor (LD) transplants by organ type					
Kidney	79	67	62	66	8
Liver	4	0	1	0	0
Total LD transplants	83	67	63	66	8
Total organ transplants	158	182	158	155	142

Transplant Waiting List <sup>^**</sup>	At 31-Mar-17	At 31-Mar-18	At 31-Mar-19	At 31-Mar-20	At 30-Sep-20
Number of patients on transplant list					
Kidney	122	91	91	93	58
Kidney/pancreas <sup>***</sup>	3	2	1	1	1
Pancreas (+islets)	0	1	2	0	0
Heart	8	9	15	14	16
Lung(s)	13	10	13	20	18
Heart/lung	1	1	1	1	1
Liver	30	23	20	18	20
Intestinal	0	0	0	0	1
Total number of patients on the list	177	137	143	147	115

\* Based on donors from Northern Irish hospitals

<sup>^</sup> Transplant waiting list and transplants based on Northern Irish postcode of residence of patient

<sup>\*\*</sup> Excludes patients temporarily suspended from the transplant list

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Includes kidney & pancreas islets.

NOTE: All data as recorded on 11 October 2020 and subject to change as UK Transplant Registry updated.

NOTE: 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.

[Please click here to find out the latest information on transplant centre closures and restrictions.](#)

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