

# Engagement: Organ Donation link nurses

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## Background

- Less embedded SNOD time, shared between 3 hospitals
- SNODs busier on call and less visible in day
- Want to maintain the profile of organ donation on the unit and in theatres and promote engagement amongst the staff
- Senior nursing staff in both areas struggle to attend ODC

## Method

- Creation of 3 OD link nurse roles, 2 in ICU and 1 in theatres
- Recently gained control of OD funds, this allowed the new link nurses to attend regional collaborative and national congress.

## Results

- ICU link nurses working on the end of life experience of the families of potential donors, and embedding tissue donation on the unit
- Raising the profile of OD in ICU and theatres.
- Theatre link nurse working on making WLST in anaesthetic room more pleasant for families, and on cold chain for NRP
- Reliable representation from ICU and theatres at ODC
- Good opportunities for nursing staff to gain new experiences and develop interest in fields of end of life care and organ donation.