

# Reviving a culture of organ and tissue donation post pandemic

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Blood and Transplant

## Referrals and donor numbers at their highest since 2018/19

High numbers of referrals and donors, back to pre-pandemic levels:

- 95% combined DCD & DBD referral rate in 2022-23
- 8 consented organ donors last year, with 6 proceeding
- 3.8 organs donated on average per donor (a record high)
- 56 corneal donations from across the Trust last year, second highest figure in the region

## Proud to be a Tissue Alliance Site

As an NHSBT Tissue Alliance Site there are clear pathways for referral of all deaths in Critical Care and ED as potential tissue donors, resulting in overall tissue referral rates between 77-89%. Mandatory tissue donation referral is now being rolled out further across our acute medical wards.

## Organ Donation Committee meeting quarterly in person

ODC meetings have been revived and now held face to face every quarter. Good representation from across the Trust, including Critical Care, ED, palliative care team, chaplaincy and renal unit.

## Newly built Critical Care unit modernises practice

In June 2022 Critical Care moved to a new purpose built unit. This 16 bedded unit includes additional facilities for relatives including a kitchen, bathroom and overnight room, and provides a much better environment for clinical staff to work.



A view of the unit



Individual bedspaces with live art screens to boost wellbeing

## Engagement with donor families

A local family came forward wanting to promote organ donation and tell their daughter's donation story. Sophie's story board was made and is now on display in the hospital to encourage younger people to consider their wishes.



Sophie's story board



Sophie's parents, brother and daughter promoting donation



Sophie's daughter (4) is proud to tell her story