



Summary of Donor and Transplant Activity

In the financial year to 31 March 2023, compared with the previous year

- there was a 2% increase in the number of deceased donors to 1,429
- the number of donors after brain death decreased by 2% to 772, while the number of donors after circulatory death increased by 7% to 657.
- the number of living donors increased by 2% to 958, accounting for 40% of the total number of organ donors
- the total number of patients whose lives were potentially saved or improved by an organ transplant increased by 4% to 4,533

The total number of patients registered for a transplant has increased (by 47%), so that:

- there were 6,959 patients waiting for a transplant at the end of March 2023, with a further 3,822 temporarily suspended from transplant lists
- 439 patients died while on the active list waiting for their transplant compared with 429 in the previous year, an increase of 2%. A further 732 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:

- an increase of 3% in the total number of kidney transplants
- a decrease of 2% in the total number of transplants involving a pancreas
- an increase of 8% in the total number of liver transplants
- an increase of 20% in the total number of heart transplants
- a decrease of 7% in the total number of lung or heart-lung transplants
- a decrease of 7% in the total number of intestinal transplants
- an increase of 7% in the total number of corneas retrieved to NHSBT Eye Banks and a decrease of 4% in the total number of corneal transplants
- an increase in the overall referral rate of potential donors from 93% to 94%
- no change in the proportion of approaches where a Specialist Nurse - Organ Donation was present - 93%
- a decrease in the overall consent/authorisation rate for organ donation from 66% to 62%
- an increase in the number of opt-in registrations on the ODR, from 27.7 to 28.6 million at the end of March 2023. There were just under 2.5 million opt-out registrants.