

## Northern Organ Donation Services Team

### Taking Organ Transplantation to 2020

In 2020/21, from 97 consented donors the Northern Organ Donation Services Team facilitated 74 actual solid organ donors resulting in 186 patients receiving a life-saving or life-changing transplant. Data obtained from the UK Transplant Registry.

In addition to the 74 proceeding donors there were 23 consented donors that did not proceed.

### Best quality of care in organ donation

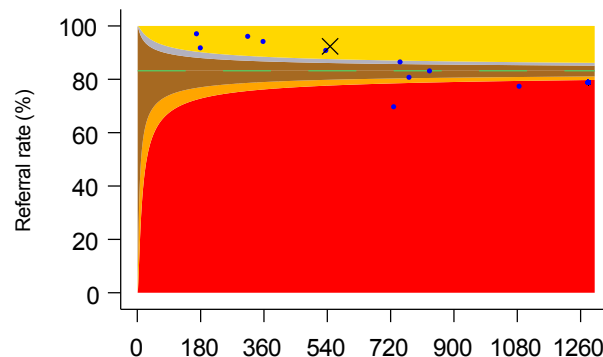
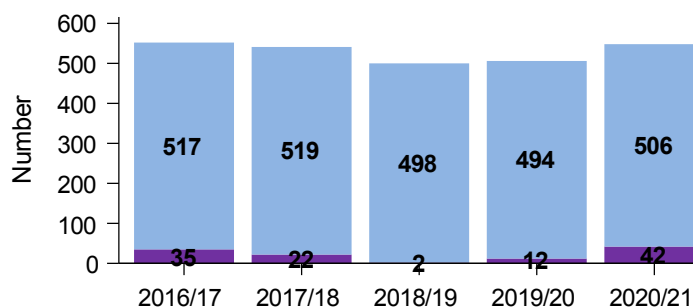
We acknowledge that the data presented in this section includes the period most significantly impacted by COVID-19 and appreciate that the COVID-19 pandemic affected Trusts/Boards differently across the UK.

#### Referral of potential deceased organ donors

**Goal: Every patient who meets the referral criteria should be identified and referred to NHS Blood and Transplant's Organ Donation Service**

**Aim: There should be no purple on the chart**

**Aim: The team (marked with a cross) should fall within Bronze, Silver, or Gold**



Legend: Patients not referred (purple), Patients referred (blue). Performance bands: Gold, Silver, Bronze, Amber, Red.

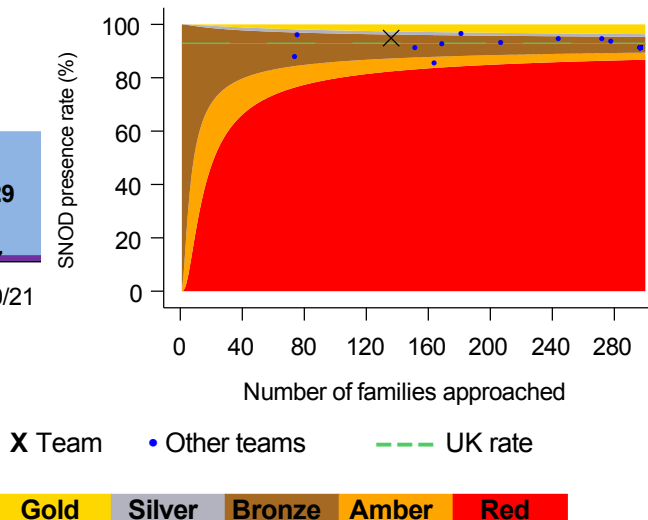
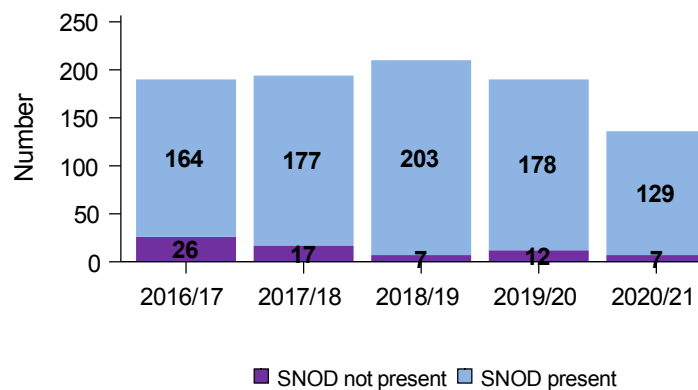
506 potential organ donors were referred to the team during 2020/21. There were 42 occasions where potential organ donors were not referred.

## Presence of Specialist Nurse for Organ Donation

**Goal: A Specialist Nurse for Organ Donation (SNOD) should be present during every organ donation discussion with families**

**Aim: There should be no purple on the chart**

**Aim: The team (marked with a cross) should fall within Bronze, Silver, or Gold**



A SNOD was present for 129 organ donation discussions with families during 2020/21. There were 7 occasions where a SNOD was not present.

## Further information

Further information on potential donors after brain death (DBD) and potential donors after circulatory death (DCD) within the region are shown below, including a UK comparison. Data obtained from the Potential Donor Audit (PDA).

	DBD		DCD		Deceased donors	
	Northern	UK	Northern	UK	Northern	UK
Patients meeting organ donation referral criteria <sup>1</sup>	109	1810	453	6027	548	7551
Referred to Organ Donation Service	108	1777	411	4770	506	6282
<i>Referral rate %</i>	<b>B</b> 99%	98%	<b>G</b> 91%	79%	<b>G</b> 92%	83%
Neurological death tested	96	1490				
<i>Testing rate %</i>	<b>B</b> 88%	82%				
Eligible donors <sup>2</sup>	83	1353	198	2860	281	4207
Family approached	77	1210	59	1042	136	2248
Family approached and SNOD present	74	1168	55	925	129	2089
<i>% of approaches where SNOD present</i>	<b>B</b> 96%	97%	<b>B</b> 93%	89%	<b>B</b> 95%	93%
Consent ascertained	54	891	41	665	95	1553
<i>Consent rate %</i>	<b>B</b> 70%	74%	<b>B</b> 69%	64%	<b>B</b> 70%	69%
Actual donors (PDA data)	50	777	23	404	73	1180
<i>% of consented donors that became actual donors</i>	93%	87%	56%	61%	77%	76%

<sup>1</sup> DBD - A patient with suspected neurological death  
DCD - A patient in whom imminent death is anticipated, ie a patient receiving assisted ventilation, a clinical decision to withdraw treatment has been made and death is anticipated within 4 hours

<sup>2</sup> DBD - Death confirmed by neurological tests and no absolute contraindications to solid organ donation  
DCD - Imminent death anticipated and treatment withdrawn with no absolute contraindications to solid organ donation

Note that a patient that meets both the referral criteria for DBD and DCD organ donation is featured in both the DBD and DCD data but will only be counted once in the deceased donors total

**Gold** **Silver** **Bronze** **Amber** **Red**

For further information, including definitions, see the latest Potential Donor Audit report at [www.odt.nhs.uk/statistics-and-reports/potential-donor-audit/](http://www.odt.nhs.uk/statistics-and-reports/potential-donor-audit/)