



Summary of Donor and Transplant Activity

In the financial year to 31 March 2025, compared with the previous year:

- there was a 7% decrease in the number of deceased donors to 1,403
- the number of donors after brain death decreased by 12% to 676, while the number of donors after circulatory death decreased by 2% to 727
- the number of living donors increased by 5% to 991, accounting for 41% of the total number of organ donors
- the total number of patients whose lives were potentially saved or improved by an organ transplant decreased by 2% to 4,583

The total number of patients registered for a transplant has increased (by 8%), so that:

- there were 8,096 patients waiting for a transplant at the end of March 2025, with a further 3,883 temporarily suspended from transplant lists
- 463 patients died while on the active list waiting for their transplant compared with 418 in the previous year, an increase of 11%. A further 911 patients 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 are likely to have died shortly afterwards.

Some of the other key messages from this report are that, compared with last year, there has been:

- a decrease of 2% in the total number of kidney transplants
- a decrease of 12% in the total number of transplants involving a pancreas
- an increase of 2% in the total number of liver transplants
- a decrease of 16% in the total number of heart transplants
- an increase of 8% in the total number of lung or heart-lung transplants
- a decrease of 26% in the total number of intestinal transplants
- a decrease of 3% in the total number of corneas retrieved to NHSBT Eye Banks and an increase of 11% in the total number of corneal transplants
- a continuation of the high overall referral rate of potential donors at 94%
- a consistently high proportion of approaches to donor families where a Specialist Nurse - Organ Donation was present at 92%
- a static overall consent/authorisation rate for organ donation, at 59%, halting the declining trend post COVID
- just over 28.4 million opt-in registrations and just under 2.7 million opt-out registrations on the Organ Donor Register (ODR) at the end of March 2025.