

Level 3 Data and Meeting Booklet

November 2025

Categorisation of Donation Activity by Level

Levels were last assigned in February 2023

They were based on number of proceeding donors.

Acknowledging the impact of the pandemic, two calculations were made for each Board/Trust, and the most favourable (highest level) was allocated.

- Average number of proceeding donors over three years (2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22)
- Average number of proceeding donors over two years, excluding the COVID year (2019/20, 2021/22)
- It is expected re-levelling will occur in 2026.

Level	2018 & 2023 Definition	Number of Boards/Trusts in each level 2025
1	12 or more (≥ 12)	36
2	6 or more but less than 12 (≥ 6 to <12)	51
3	more than 3 but less than 6 (>3 to <6)	28
4	3 or less (≤ 3)	37

An additional descriptor is applied to each trust/board, as appropriate.

N = Adult Neuro ICU (35)

MT = Major Trauma Centre (28)

P = Paediatric ICU (23)

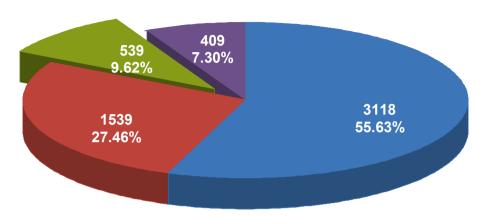
C = Cardiothoracic ICU (36)

T = Transplant Centre (27)

UK Donation by Level

Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 Level 4

Potential DBD/Eligible DCD donors

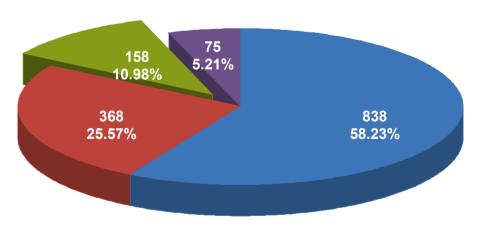


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Potential donors after brainstem death (DBD) are defined as patients who have neurological death suspected by meeting all of the following criteria: apnoea, coma from known aetiology and unresponsive, ventilated, fixed pupils, no cough or gag reflex. Excluding those for whom cardiac arrest occurred despite resuscitation, brain stem reflexes returned.

Eligible donors after circulatory death (DCD) are defined as patients who had treatment withdrawn and death was anticipated within four hours, with no absolute medical contraindications to solid organ donation.

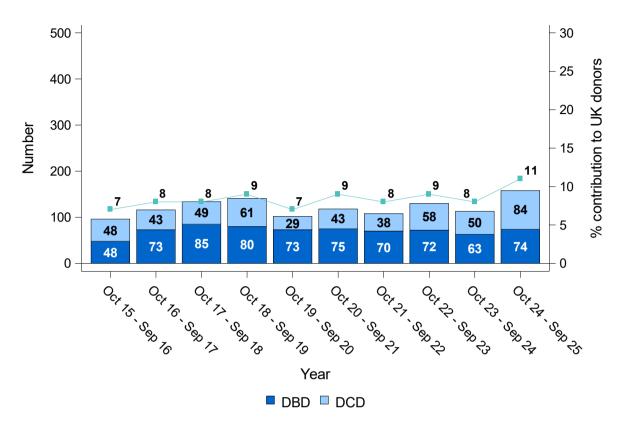
Actual donors



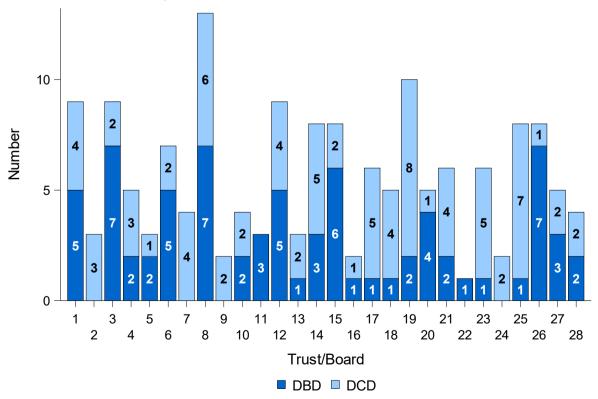
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Level 3 Group actual deceased donors

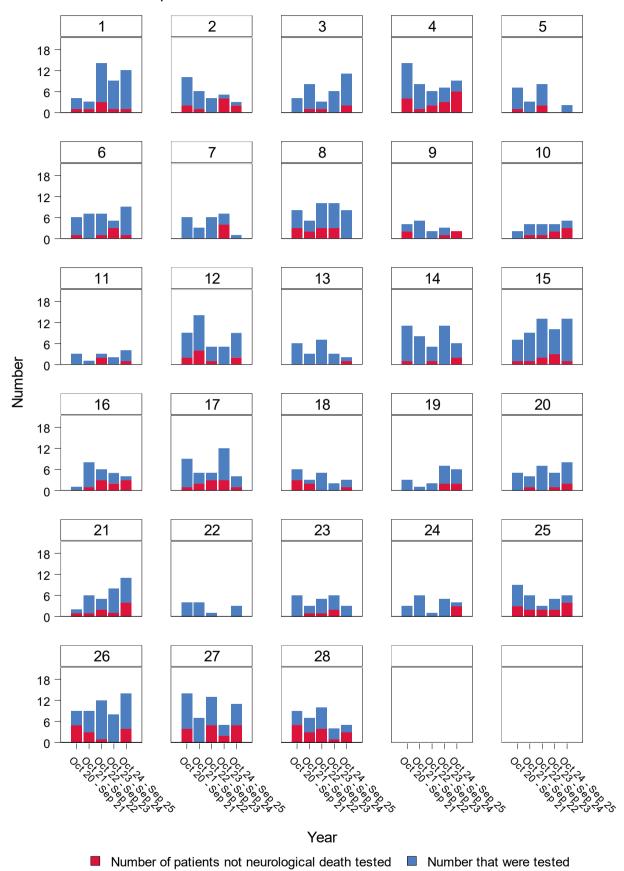
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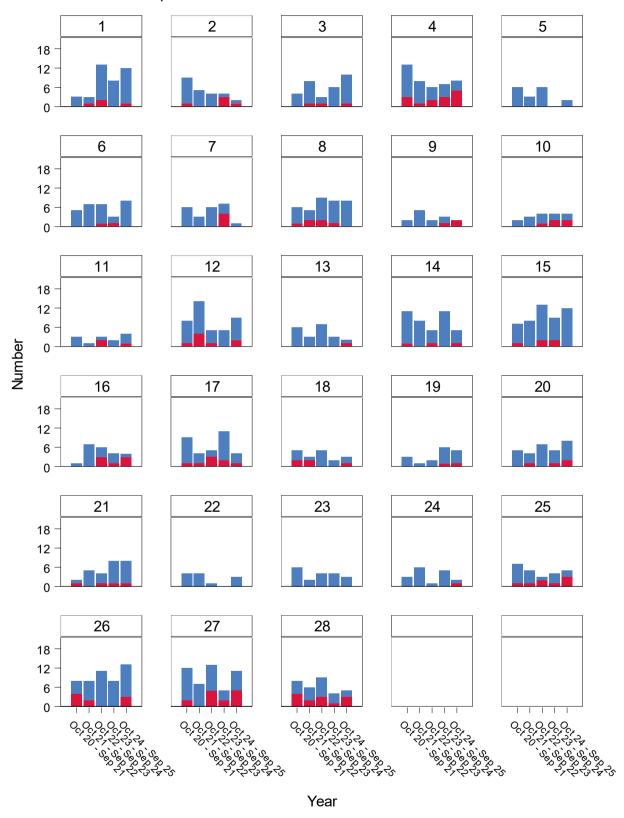
Level 3 Group actual deceased donors by trust/board



Level 3s neurological death testing

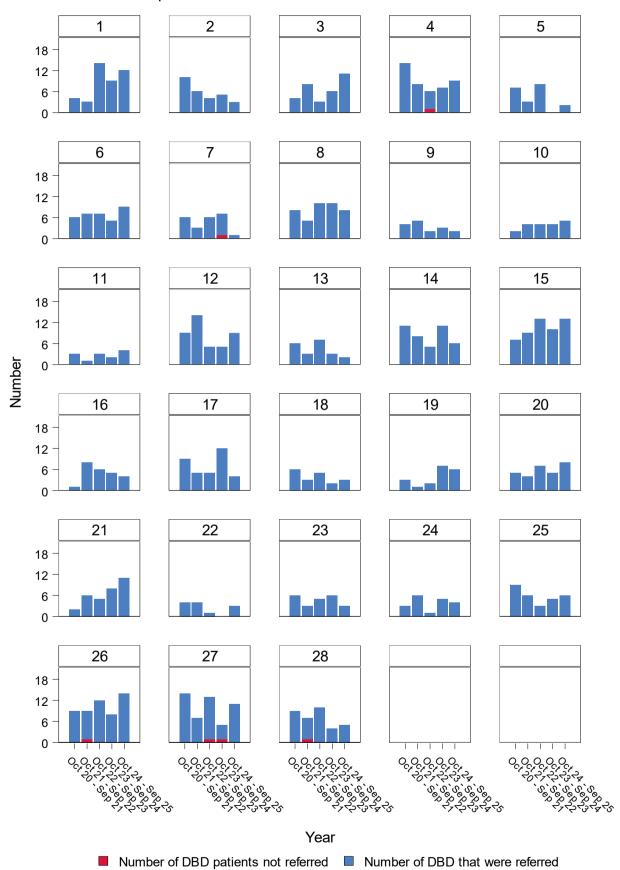


Level 3s modified neurological death testing

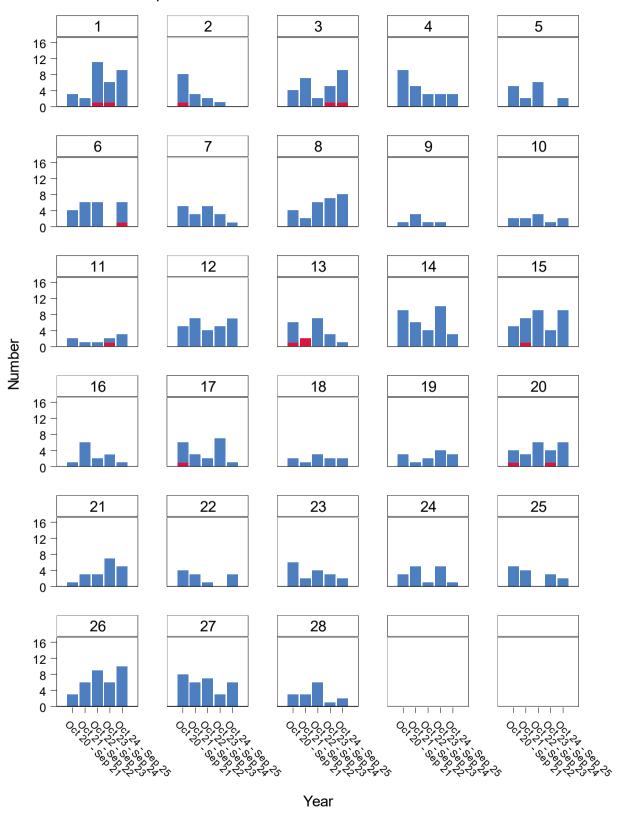


- Number of patients not neurological death tested where testing was possible
- Number that were tested where testing was possible

Level 3s DBD referral

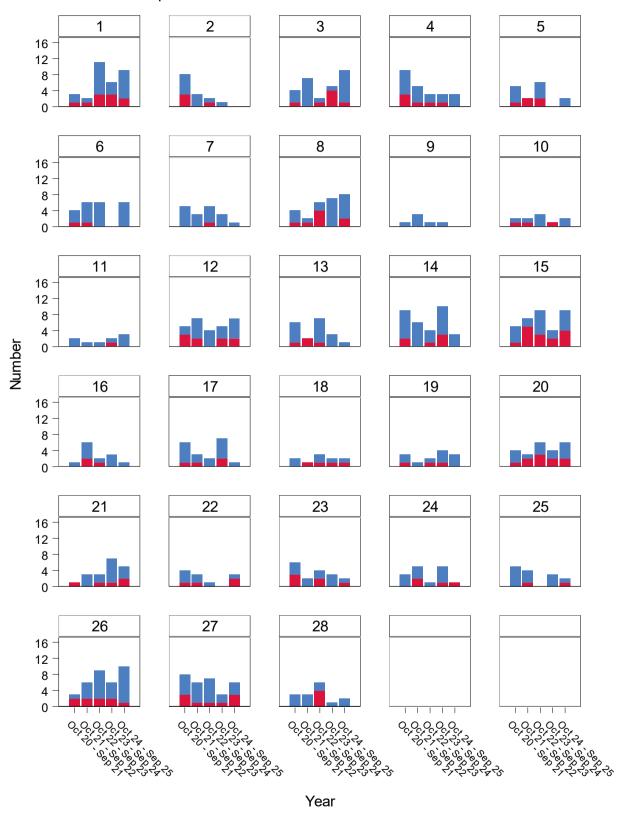


Level 3s DBD SNOD presence



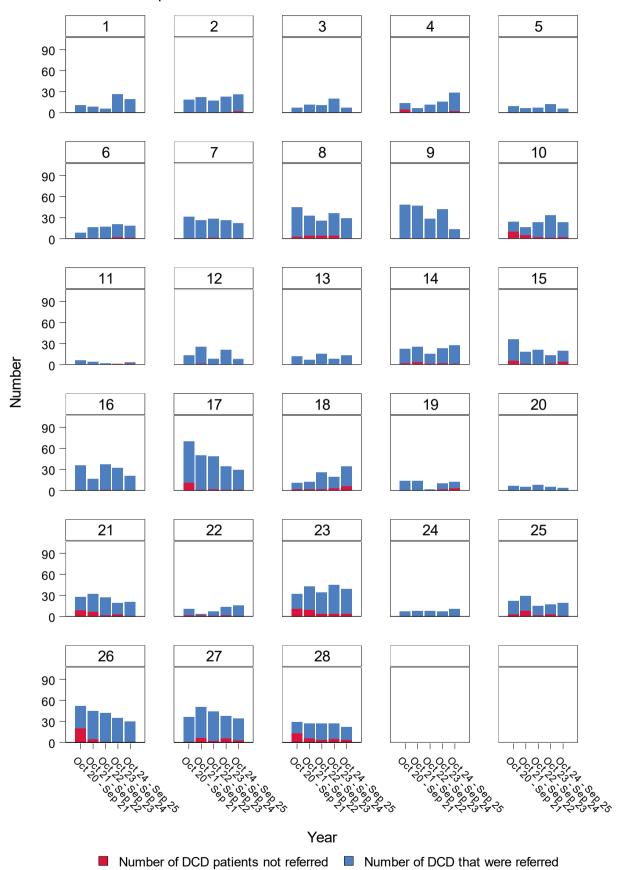
- Number of approaches where a SNOD not present (DBD)
- Number of approaches where a SNOD was present (DBD)

Level 3s DBD consent/authorisation

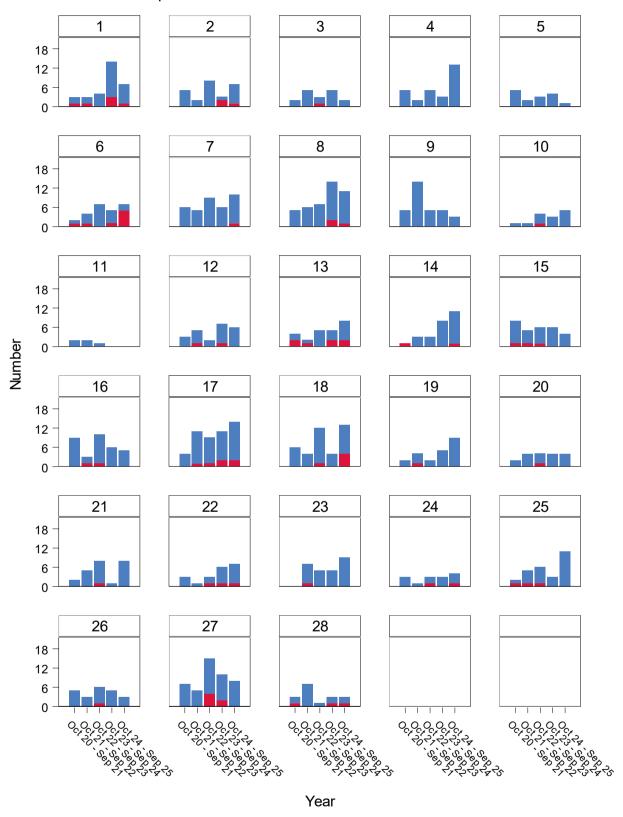


- Number of occasions where consent/authorisation not ascertained
- Number where consent/authorisation ascertained

Level 3s DCD referral

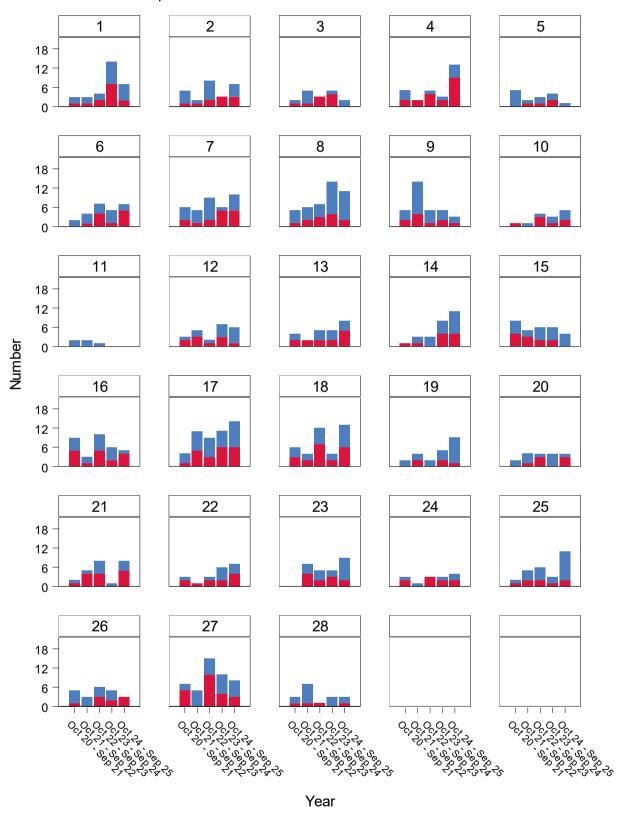


Level 3s DCD SNOD presence 1 October 2020 - 30 September 2025



- Number of approaches where a SNOD not present (DCD)
- Number of approaches where a SNOD was present (DCD)

Level 3s DCD consent/authorisation rate



- Number of occasions where consent/authorisation not ascertained
- Number where consent/authorisation ascertained

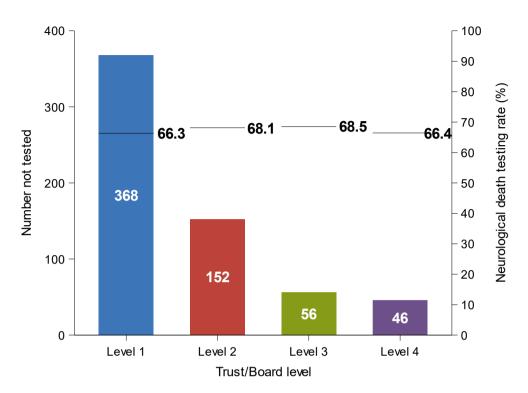
Level 3: Key numbers 1 October 2024 - 30 September 2025

Trust/Board	Number not neurological death tested (Total suspected neurological death)	Number not neurological death tested where testing was possible (Total neurological death test possible)	Number not referred (Total meeting referral criteria)		Number of donation decision conversations without SNOD present (Total donation decision conversations)		Number where consent/authorisation not ascertained (Total donation decision conversations)	
	DBD	DBD	DBD	DCD	DBD	DCD	DBD	DCD
Aneurin Bevan University Health Board	1 (12)	1 (12)	0 (12)	0 (19)	0 (9)	1 (7)	2 (9)	2 (7)
Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust	2 (3)	1 (2)	0 (3)	2 (26)	0 (0)	1 (7)	0 (0)	3 (7)
Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	2 (11)	1 (10)	0 (11)	1 (7)	1 (9)	0 (2)	1 (9)	0 (2)
Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	6 (9)	5 (8)	0 (9)	2 (28)	0 (3)	0 (13)	0 (3)	9 (13)
Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust	0 (2)	0 (2)	0 (2)	0 (5)	0 (2)	0 (1)	0 (2)	0 (1)
Hywel Dda University Health Board	1 (9)	0 (8)	0 (9)	1 (18)	1 (6)	5 (7)	0 (6)	5 (7)
James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	0 (1)	0 (1)	0 (1)	0 (22)	0 (1)	1 (10)	0 (1)	5 (10)
Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	0 (8)	0 (8)	0 (8)	0 (29)	0 (8)	1 (11)	2 (8)	2 (11)
Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	2 (2)	2 (2)	0 (2)	0 (13)	0 (0)	0 (3)	0 (0)	1 (3)
Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	3 (5)	2 (4)	0 (5)	2 (23)	0 (2)	0 (5)	0 (2)	2 (5)
NHS Dumfries and Galloway	1 (4)	1 (4)	0 (4)	1 (3)	0 (3)	0 (0)	0 (3)	0 (0)
NHS Forth Valley	2 (9)	2 (9)	0 (9)	0 (8)	0 (7)	0 (6)	2 (7)	1 (6)
NHS Highland	1 (2)	1 (2)	0 (2)	0 (13)	0 (1)	2 (8)	0 (1)	5 (8)
North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust	2 (6)	1 (5)	0 (6)	1 (27)	0 (3)	1 (11)	0 (3)	4 (11)
Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust	1 (13)	0 (12)	0 (13)	4 (19)	0 (9)	0 (4)	4 (9)	0 (4)
Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust	3 (4)	3 (4)	0 (4)	0 (21)	0 (1)	0 (5)	0 (1)	4 (5)
Royal Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	1 (4)	1 (4)	0 (4)	1 (29)	0 (1)	2 (14)	0 (1)	6 (14)
Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	1 (3)	1 (3)	0 (3)	6 (34)	0 (2)	4 (13)	1 (2)	6 (13)
South Devon Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	2 (6)	1 (5)	0 (6)	3 (12)	0 (3)	0 (9)	0 (3)	1 (9)
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust	2 (8)	2 (8)	0 (8)	0 (4)	0 (6)	0 (4)	2 (6)	3 (4)
Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust	4 (11)	1 (8)	0 (11)	0 (21)	0 (5)	0 (8)	2 (5)	5 (8)
The Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust	0 (3)	0 (3)	0 (3)	0 (16)	0 (3)	1 (7)	2 (3)	4 (7)
The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn NHS Foundation Trust	0 (3)	0 (3)	0 (3)	4 (39)	0 (2)	0 (9)	1 (2)	2 (9)
The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust	3 (4)	1 (2)	0 (4)	0 (11)	0 (1)	1 (4)	1 (1)	2 (4)
University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust	4 (6)	3 (5)	0 (6)	1 (19)	0 (2)	0 (11)	1 (2)	2 (11)
Warrington and Halton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	4 (14)	3 (13)	0 (14)	0 (30)	0 (10)	0 (3)	1 (10)	3 (3)
West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust	5 (11)	5 (11)	0 (11)	3 (34)	0 (6)	0 (8)	3 (6)	3 (8)
Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	3 (5)	3 (5)	0 (5)	4 (22)	0 (2)	1 (3)	0 (2)	1 (3)

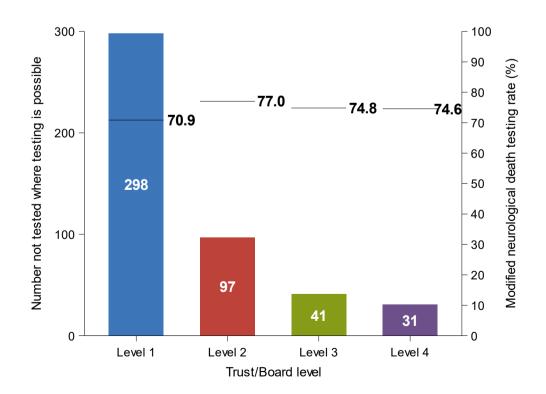
Note that patients may appear in more than one group

Comparison of neurological death testing by level

1 October 2024 - 30 September 2025

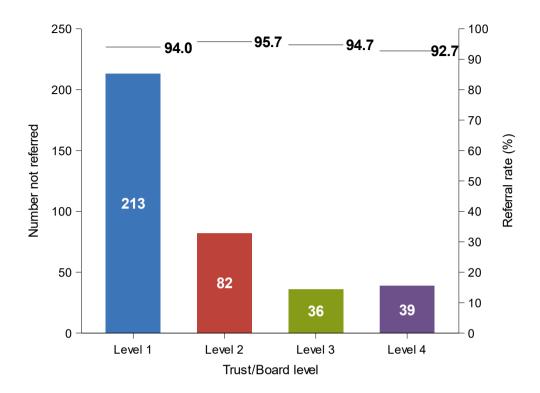


Comparison of modified neurological death testing by level

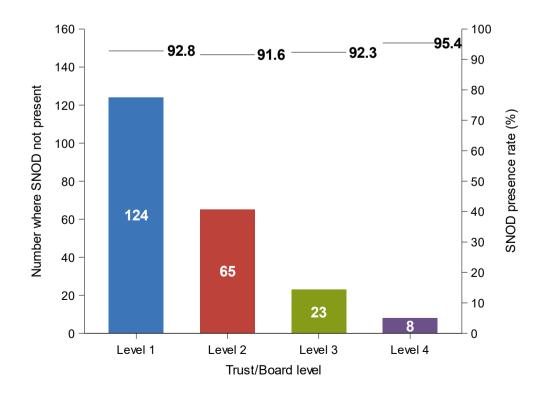


Comparison of combined DBD and DCD referral by level

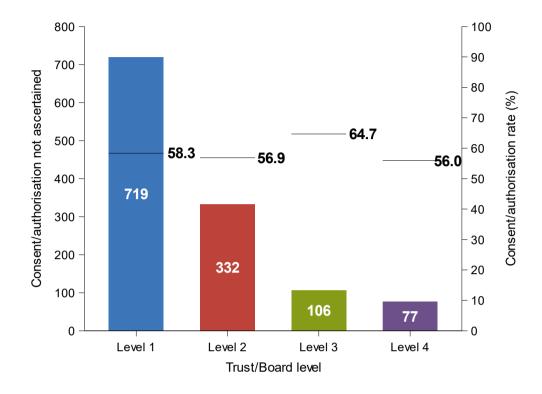
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Comparison of combined DBD and DCD SNOD presence by level



Comparison of combined DBD and DCD consent/authorisation by level



Additional resources

ODR registrations and organ donation statistics by nation

- County level breakdown for England available

https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/how-you-can-help/get-involved/share-statistics/organ-donation-by-county/

Opt out legislation reports

https://www.odt.nhs.uk/statistics-and-reports/opt-out-legislation-reports/

PDA annual reports

https://www.odt.nhs.uk/statistics-and-reports/potential-donor-audit-report/

Power BI PDA key metrics report

https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrljoiZDY0YmJhZjctM2YxZC00NThkLTk4NDYtNDc0NDNkN2UzYzRkliwidCl6ImUxMWExYjhmLThmNTltNDYwOC04Zjc2LTQ2N2ZmMWQzNGM5NilsImMiOjh9

Organ donation marketing resources

https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/how-you-can-help/get-involved/







Level 3 group key

Key	Trust/Board	Adult neuro ICU	Major Trauma Centre	Paediatric ICU	Cardiothoracic ICU	Transplant Centre
1	Aneurin Bevan University Health Board					
2	Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust					
3	Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust					
4	Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust					
5	Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust					
6	Hywel Dda University Health Board					
7	James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust					
8	Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust					
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10	Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust					
11	NHS Dumfries and Galloway					
12	NHS Forth Valley					
13	NHS Highland					
14	North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust					
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18	Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust					
19	South Devon Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust					
20	South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust					
21	Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust					
22	The Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust					
23	The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn NHS Foundation Trust					
24	The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust					
25	University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust					
26	Warrington and Halton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust					
27	West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust					
28	Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust					