

North West Organ Donation Services Team

Organ Donation and Transplantation 2030: Meeting the Need

In 2024/25, from 166 consented donors the North West Organ Donation Services Team facilitated 125 actual solid organ donors resulting in 331 patients receiving a life-saving or life-changing transplant. Data obtained from the UK Transplant Registry.

In addition to the 125 proceeding donors there were 41 consented donors that did not proceed.

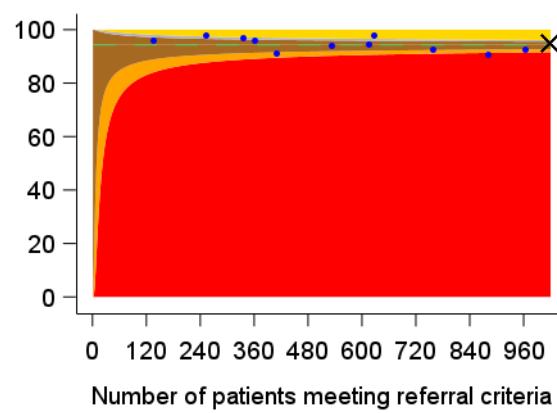
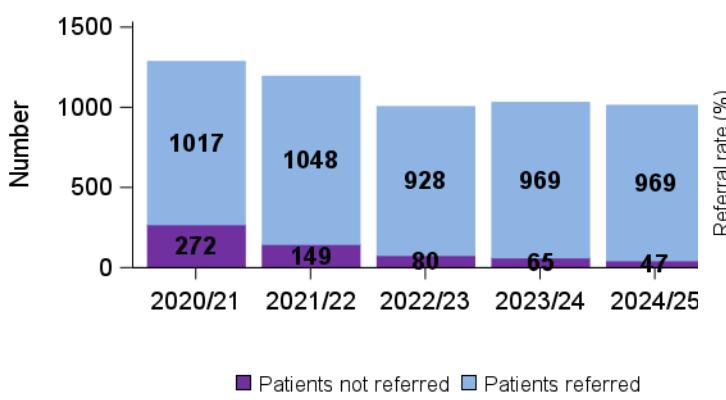
Best quality of care in organ donation

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

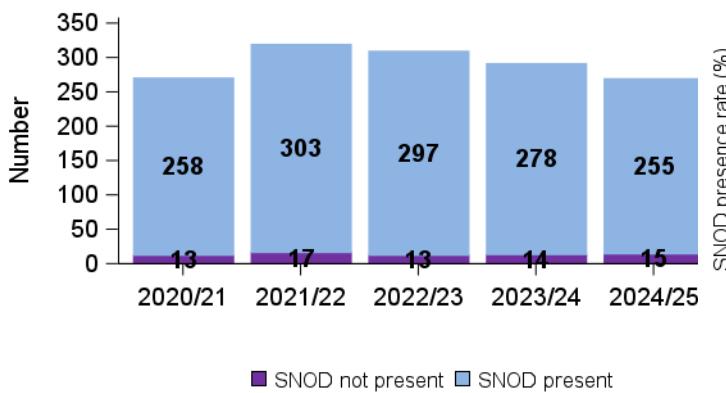


969 potential organ donors were referred to the team during 2024/25. There were 47 occasions where potential organ donors were not referred.

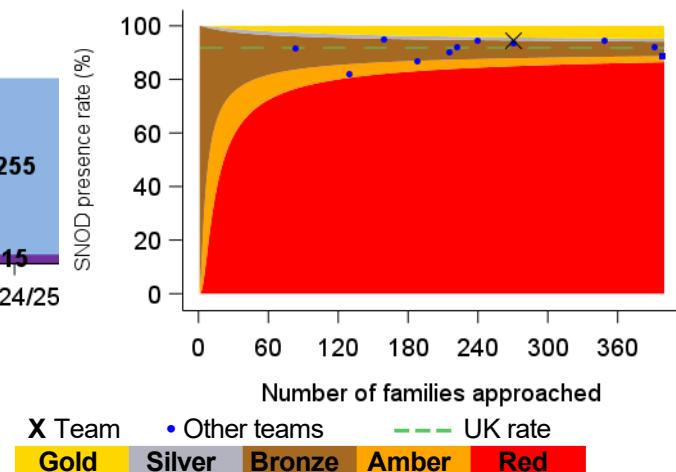
Presence of Specialist Nurse for Organ Donation

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

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A SNOD was present for 255 organ donation discussions with families during 2024/25. There were 15 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).

Key numbers, rates and comparison with UK data, 1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025

	DBD		DCD		Deceased donors	
	North West	UK	North West	UK	North West	UK
Patients meeting organ donation referral criteria ¹	202	1883	871	5503	1016	6880
Referred to Organ Donation Service	201	1859	825	5118	969	6486
<i>Referral rate %</i>	B 100%	99%	S 95%	93%	B 95%	94%
Neurological death tested	142	1356				
<i>Testing rate %</i>	B 70%	72%				
Eligible donors ²	132	1247	535	3735	667	4982
Medically suitable eligible donors ³	132	1247	181	2077	313	3324
Family approached	105	1084	165	1827	270	2911
Family approached of medically suitable eligible donor	105	1084	161	1799	266	2883
<i>% approached of medically suitable eligible</i>	A 80%	87%	B 89%	87%	B 85%	87%
Family approached and SNOD present	103	1050	152	1622	255	2672
<i>% of approaches where SNOD present</i>	B 98%	97%	B 92%	89%	B 94%	92%
Consent ascertained	70	743	93	970	163	1713
<i>Consent rate %</i>	B 67%	69%	B 56%	53%	B 60%	59%
- Expressed opt in	44	473	59	644	103	1117
- <i>Expressed opt in %</i>	100%	94%	81%	82%	88%	86%
- Deemed Consent	16	216	20	267	36	483
- <i>Deemed Consent %</i>	46%	57%	42%	43%	43%	48%
- Other*	10	54	14	59	24	113
- <i>Other* %</i>	71%	55%	56%	29%	62%	38%
Actual donors (PDA data)	64	694	60	703	125	1398
<i>% of consented donors that became actual donors</i>	91%	93%	65%	72%	77%	82%

¹ 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

² 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

³ Medically suitable eligible donor - An eligible donor with no DCD exclusions and not deemed unsuitable by the screening process

* Includes patients where nation specific deemed criteria are not met and the patient has not expressed a donation decision in accordance with relevant legislation

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

For further information, including definitions, see the latest Potential Donor Audit report and up to date metrics via our Power BI reports at:
<https://www.odt.nhs.uk/statistics-and-reports/potential-donor-audit-report/>.