

## South West Organ Donation Services Team

### Organ Donation and Transplantation 2030: Meeting the Need

In 2024/25, from 172 consented donors the South West Organ Donation Services Team facilitated 138 actual solid organ donors resulting in 353 patients receiving a life-saving or life-changing transplant. Data obtained from the UK Transplant Registry.

In addition to the 138 proceeding donors there were 34 consented donors that did not proceed.

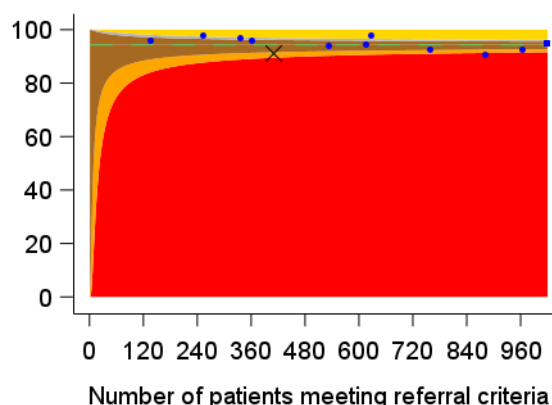
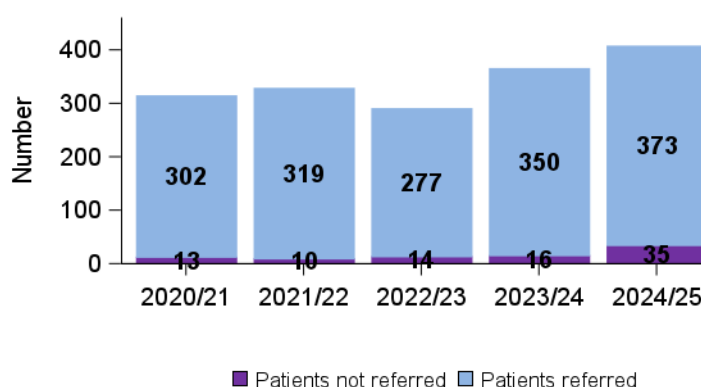
### Best quality of care in organ donation

#### 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**



X Team • Other teams --- UK rate  
Gold Silver Bronze Amber Red

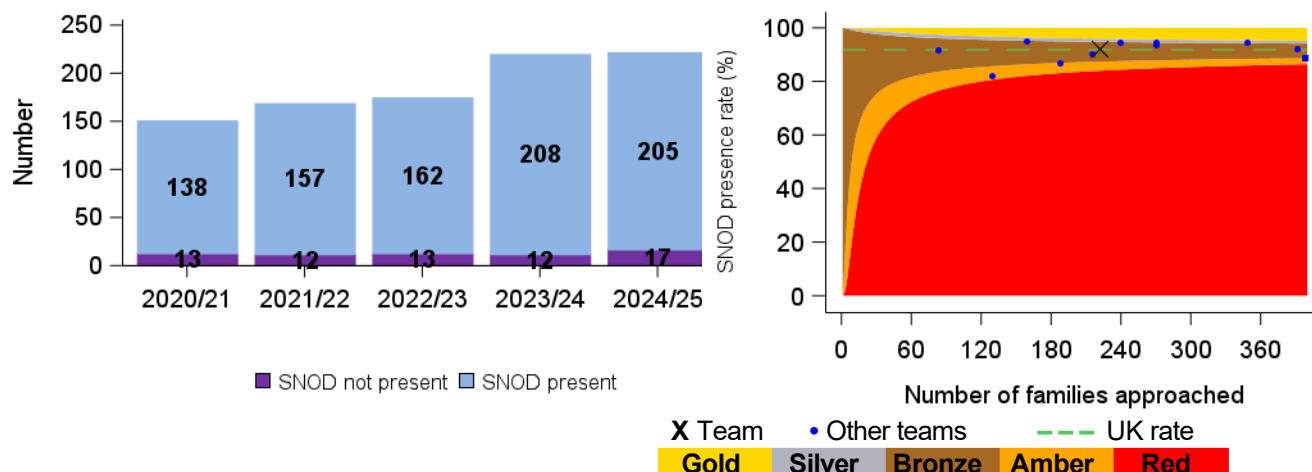
373 potential organ donors were referred to the team during 2024/25. There were 35 occasions where potential organ donors were not referred.

## 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 205 organ donation discussions with families during 2024/25. There were 17 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	
	South West	UK	South West	UK	South West	UK
Patients meeting organ donation referral criteria <sup>1</sup>	149	1883	307	5503	408	6880
Referred to Organ Donation Service	146	1859	273	5118	373	6486
<i>Referral rate %</i>	<b>B</b> 98%	99%	<b>A</b> 89%	93%	<b>A</b> 91%	94%
Neurological death tested	101	1356				
<i>Testing rate %</i>	<b>B</b> 68%	72%				
Eligible donors <sup>2</sup>	84	1247	254	3735	338	4982
Medically suitable eligible donors <sup>3</sup>	84	1247	163	2077	247	3324
Family approached	78	1084	144	1827	222	2911
Family approached of medically suitable eligible donor	78	1084	142	1799	220	2883
<i>% approached of medically suitable eligible</i>	<b>S</b> 93%	87%	<b>B</b> 87%	87%	<b>B</b> 89%	87%
Family approached and SNOD present	75	1050	130	1622	205	2672
<i>% of approaches where SNOD present</i>	<b>B</b> 96%	97%	<b>B</b> 90%	89%	<b>B</b> 92%	92%
Consent ascertained	64	743	95	970	159	1713
<i>Consent rate %</i>	<b>S</b> 82%	69%	<b>G</b> 66%	53%	<b>G</b> 72%	59%
- Expressed opt in	44	473	68	644	112	1117
- <i>Expressed opt in %</i>	100%	94%	88%	82%	93%	86%
- Deemed Consent	16	216	21	267	37	483
- <i>Deemed Consent %</i>	67%	57%	51%	43%	57%	48%
- Other*	4	54	6	59	10	113
- <i>Other* %</i>	67%	55%	38%	29%	45%	38%
Actual donors (PDA data)	61	694	77	703	138	1398
<i>% of consented donors that became actual donors</i>	95%	93%	81%	72%	87%	82%

<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

<sup>3</sup> 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

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

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/>.