



Intestinal Activity

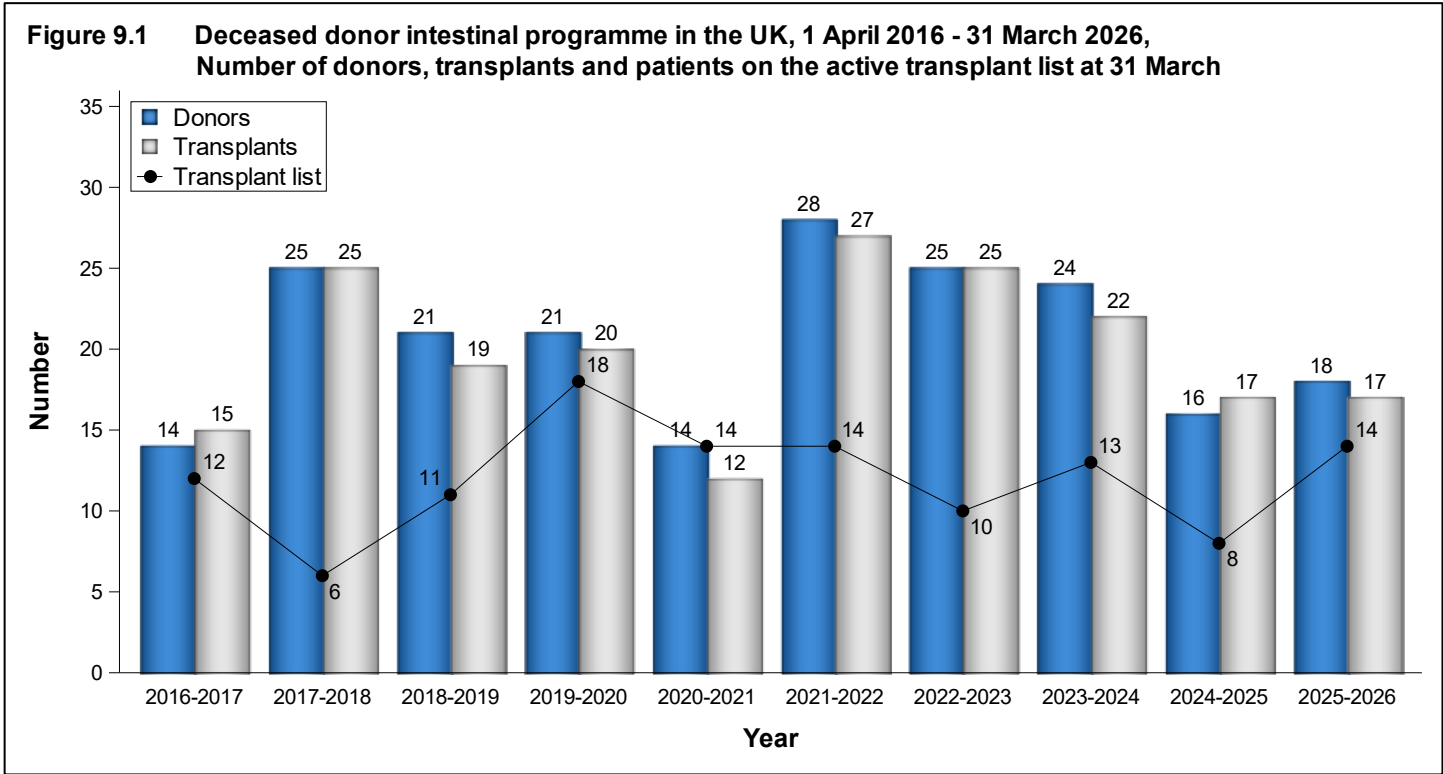
Key messages

- There were 14 patients on the active intestinal transplant list at 31 March 2026 in total
- There were 24 registrations for an intestinal transplant during 2025-2026
- 17 intestinal transplants were carried out in 2025-2026 (17 in the previous year)
- On average, patients wait 5 months for a transplant

9.1 Overview

Patients waiting for an intestinal transplant are prioritised according to a points system based on a range of clinical factors including donor-recipient age matching, loss of intravenous line access, liver failure, diagnosis of malignancy, in-hospital status, additional organs required, sensitisation and waiting time. A score is calculated for every potentially suitable patient on the national active transplant list and donor organs are allocated preferentially to the patient with the most points.

A summary of activity for deceased donor intestinal transplants and the transplant list at year end for the last ten years is shown in **Figure 9.1**. The number of patients registered on the active transplant list for an intestinal transplant has increased to 14. The number of donors has increased since last year whereas the number of transplants have stayed the same.



9.2 Transplant list

In 2025-2026, there were 24 registrations for an intestinal transplant corresponding to 24 patients. The outcome of these registrations for paediatric (aged <18 years) and adult patients, as at 31 March 2026, broken down by transplant centre, can be found in **Table 9.1**. Overall, 12 (50%) were active/suspended on 31 March 2026, 9 (33%) resulted in a transplant, and 4 (17%) died or were removed. Note that removals due to condition deterioration are included in the removal group and patients who died within 30 days of removal are included in the death group.

Table 9.1 Outcome of intestinal registrations in the UK, 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026									
Transplant centre	Outcome of registrations as at 31 March 2026								TOTAL
	Transplanted		Died ¹		Removed ²		Active/Susp		
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Adult									
Cambridge	5	29	1	6	2	12	9	53	17
Oxford	2	67	0	0	1	33	0	0	3
TOTAL	7	35	1	5	3	15	9	45	20
Paediatric									
Birmingham	1	33	0	0	0	0	2	67	3
King's College	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	1
TOTAL	1	25	0	0	0	0	3	75	4

¹ Includes patients who died within 30 days of removal

² Includes removals due to condition deteriorated

Table 9.2 shows the active intestinal transplant list in the UK at 31 March 2026 and 2025 by country/NHS region of patient's residence. At 31 March 2026, the overall transplant list rate was 0.2 pmp and ranged from 0.0 to 0.6 pmp across NHS regions, although these numbers are very small, so these are not meaningful differences.

Table 9.2 Active intestinal transplant list at 31 March by Country/NHS region of patient residence				
Country/ NHS region of residence	Intestinal transplant list (pmp)			
	2026		2025	
North East and Yorkshire	1	(0.1)	2	(0.2)
North West	1	(0.1)	0	(0.0)
Midlands	0	(0.0)	0	(0.0)
East of England	4	(0.6)	0	(0.0)
London	1	(0.1)	1	(0.1)
South East	2	(0.2)	0	(0.0)
South West	2	(0.3)	3	(0.5)
England	11	(0.2)	6	(0.1)
Isle of Man	0	(0.0)	0	(0.0)
Channel Islands	0	(0.0)	0	(0.0)
Wales	1	(0.3)	0	(0.0)
Scotland	1	(0.2)	0	(0.0)
Northern Ireland	0	(0.0)	1	(0.5)
TOTAL¹	14	(0.2)	8	(0.1)
¹ Include patients in 2026 (2025) residing in: Republic of Ireland 1 (0); Overseas 0 (0)				

Table 9.3 shows median waiting time to elective intestinal transplant by registration type. On average, patients wait 144 days. For patients requiring a bowel and pancreas, patients who also require a liver wait slightly longer than patients who do not require a liver. Note that these waiting times are not adjusted for other relevant factors which may be influential. Note that removals from the intestinal list for a transplant excluding the bowel are censored at time of removal.

Table 9.3 Median waiting time to intestinal transplant in the UK, for patients registered 1 April 2021 - 31 March 2025, by registration type			
Registration type	Number of patients registered	Waiting time (days)	
		Median	95% Confidence interval
Bowel only ¹	10	131	0 - 280
Liver, bowel and pancreas ¹	47	158	62 - 254
Bowel and pancreas ¹	55	118	60 - 176
TOTAL	112	144	105 - 183
¹ May also include any of: stomach, spleen, abdominal wall, kidney			

9.3 Donor and organ supply

The rates per million population (pmp) for intestinal donors are shown in **Table 9.4** by donor country/NHS region of residence. The overall DBD intestinal donor rate was 0.3 pmp and ranged from 0.1 to 0.5 pmp across NHS regions. Of the 636 DBD solid organ donors, 18 (3%) donated their small bowel. The majority of DBD solid organ donors are not offered to intestinal patients because they are outside of the age and weight criteria for bowel donation. The next most common reason for non-offering is lack of consent for bowel donation. Of those donors with consent for bowel donation, the most common reason for non-offering is no suitable recipient on the transplant list followed by donor history. Of those donors that are offered, a large number are not accepted, most commonly, due to donor virology, donor history and unsuitable size.

Table 9.4 Intestinal donation rates for deceased donors after brain death, in the UK, 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026, by Country/ NHS region

Country/ NHS region of residence	Solid organ donors (pmp)		Intestinal donors (pmp)		% of solid organ donors	Organs used
North East and Yorkshire	83	(9.8)	2	(0.2)	2.4	1
North West	55	(7.1)	3	(0.4)	5.5	3
Midlands	93	(8.3)	1	(0.1)	1.1	1
East of England	71	(10.8)	3	(0.5)	4.2	3
London	68	(7.5)	3	(0.3)	4.4	3
South East	72	(7.5)	1	(0.1)	1.4	1
South West	60	(10.1)	1	(0.2)	1.7	1
England	502	(8.5)	14	(0.2)	2.8	13
Isle of Man	1	(12.5)	0	(0.0)	-	0
Channel Islands	3	(17.6)	0	(0.0)	-	0
Wales	35	(10.9)	1	(0.3)	2.9	1
Scotland	29	(5.2)	2	(0.4)	6.9	2
Northern Ireland	26	(13.3)	0	(0.0)	-	0
TOTAL¹	636	(9.2)	18	(0.3)	2.8	17

¹ Includes 40 donors and 1 intestinal donor with unknown UK postcode

9.4 Transplants

Table 9.5 shows intestinal transplant activity by transplant centre and transplant type, 2024-2025 and 2025-2026. In 2025-2026, there were a total of 17 transplants, 15 adult and 2 paediatric transplants.

At 31 March 2026 there were approximately 180 recipients with a functioning intestinal transplant (or multi-organ including intestine) being followed-up as reported to the UK Transplant Registry.

Table 9.5 Intestinal transplants in the UK, by age group, centre and type, 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026 (2024 - 2025)												
Transplant centre	Transplant type											
	BO		LBP		MV		MMV		LB		TOTAL	
Adult												
Cambridge	1	(0)	0	(0)	3	(4)	7	(6)	0	(0)	11	(10)
Oxford	2	(1)	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)	0	(0)	4	(1)
TOTAL	3	(1)	0	(0)	3	(4)	9	(6)	0	(0)	15	(11)
Paediatric												
Birmingham	1	(0)	0	(1)	1	(1)	0	(1)	0	(0)	2	(3)
King's College	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(3)
TOTAL	1	(1)	0	(2)	1	(2)	0	(1)	0	(0)	2	(6)
BO = Bowel only (may also include stomach/spleen/abdominal wall/kidney/colon)												
BP = Bowel and pancreas												
LBP = Liver, bowel and pancreas												
MV = Multivisceral – liver, bowel and pancreas plus stomach/spleen/abdominal wall/kidney/colon												
MMV = Modified multivisceral – bowel and pancreas plus stomach/spleen/abdominal wall/kidney/colon												
LB = Liver and bowel												

9.5 Demographic characteristics

The age group, sex, ethnicity and blood group of intestinal donors, transplant recipients and transplant list patients are shown in **Table 9.6**.

Table 9.6 Demographic characteristics of deceased intestinal donors and transplant recipients, 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026, and transplant list patients at 31 March							
		Donors		Transplant recipients		Active transplant list patients	
		N	(%)	N	(%)	N	(%)
Age	0-17	3	(17)	2	(12)	4	(29)
	18-34	9	(50)	2	(12)	3	(21)
	35-49	6	(33)	6	(35)	5	(36)
	50-59	0	(0)	4	(24)	2	(14)
	60-69	0	(0)	3	(18)	0	(0)
	Mean (SD)	31	(12)	42	(17)	32	(18)
Sex	Male	5	(28)	6	(35)	6	(43)
	Female	13	(72)	11	(65)	8	(57)
Ethnicity	White	14	(88)	17	(100)	11	(79)
	Asian	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(14)
	Black	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
	Other	2	(13)	0	(0)	1	(7)
	Unknown	2	-	-	-	-	-
Blood group	O	10	(56)	6	(35)	7	(50)
	A	7	(39)	9	(53)	5	(36)
	B	1	(6)	2	(12)	0	(0)
	AB	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(14)
Graft number	First graft	-	-	17	(100)	14	(100)
	Re-graft	-	-	0	(0)	0	(0)
TOTAL		18	(100)	17	(100)	14	(100)