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TRANSPLANT LIST AND TRANSPLANT ACTIVITY

LAY SUMMARY

This paper summarises the pancreas and islet waiting lists, donation and transplantation in the UK.

In 2025, 376 people were waiting for a pancreas or islet transplant, the highest number seen in the past decade. A total of 153 pancreas and islet transplants took place in 2025, which was an increase from 2024 but lower than the number of transplants before 2020.

Of the 153 pancreas and islet transplants in 2025, 41% were from deceased after cardiac death (DCD) donors. This was a 75% increase in DCD donor pancreas transplants from the previous year.

In 2025, 84% of the pancreas and islet waiting list were waiting for a kidney and pancreas transplant. Simultaneous kidney and pancreas transplants were the most common type of transplant, representing 75% of all pancreas and islet transplants in 2025.

Figure 1 Deceased pancreas and islet programme in the UK, 1 January 2015 - 31 December 2025, Number of donors, transplants and patients on the active transplant list at 31 December

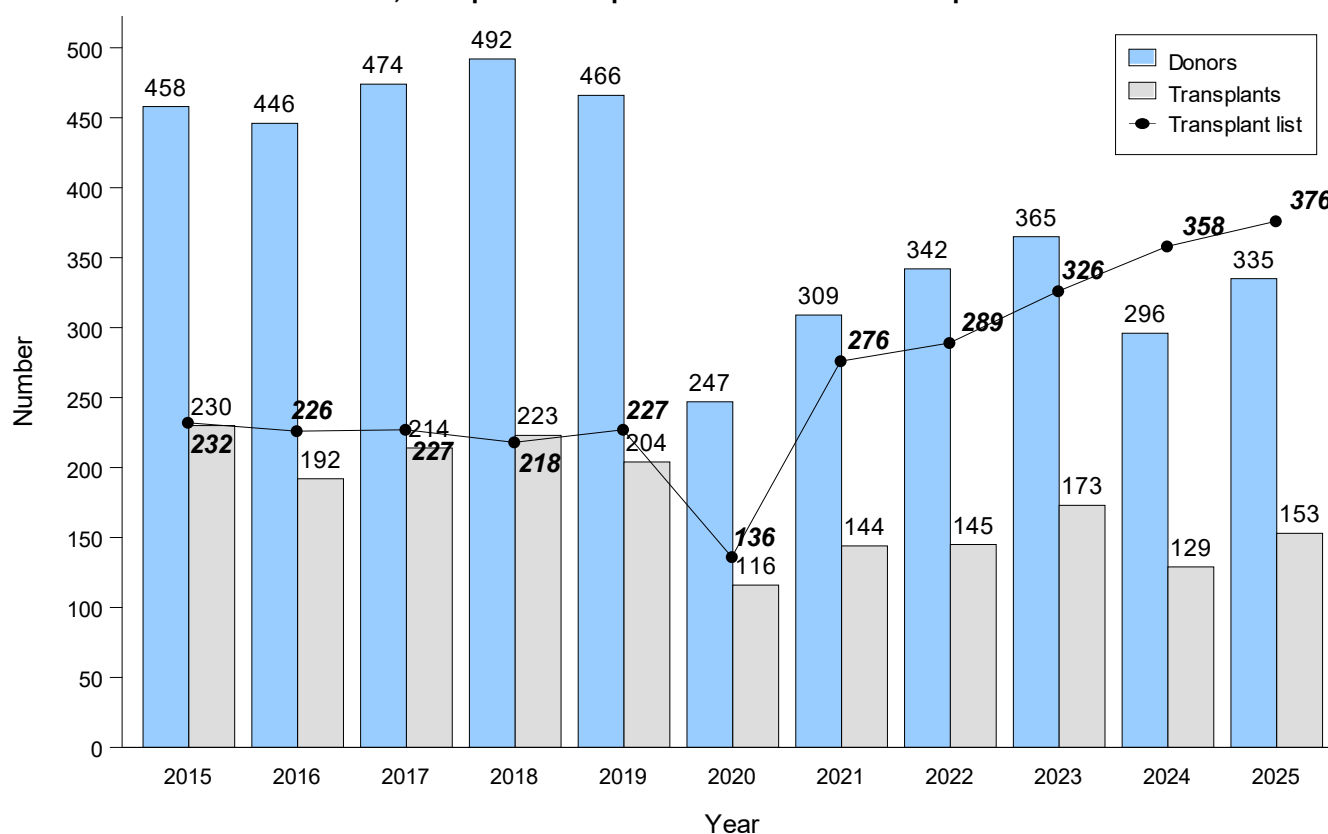


Table 1 Patients on the pancreas transplant lists at 31 December 2025 (2024) in the UK, by centre

Centre	Active transplant lists											
	Kidney/ pancreas		Kidney/ islet		Pancreas alone		Islet				TOTAL	
							Routine		Priority			
Cambridge	29	(29)	-	-	1	(1)	-	-	-	-	30	(30)
Cardiff	13	(18)	-	-	0	(0)	-	-	-	-	13	(18)
Edinburgh	42	(37)	9	(11)	0	(0)	3	(5)	3	(4)	57	(57)
Guys	31	(35)	-	-	1	(0)	-	-	-	-	32	(35)
Manchester	107	(99)	14	(10)	4	(2)	2	(4)	1	(1)	128	(116)
Newcastle	17	(15)	1	(0)	0	(1)	3	(4)	2	(0)	23	(20)
Oxford	66	(71)	9	(4)	1	(0)	3	(2)	1	(0)	80	(77)
WLRTC	12	(5)	-	-	0	(0)	-	-	-	-	12	(5)
King's College	-	-	0	(0)	-	-	1	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)
TOTAL	317	(309)	33	(25)	7	(4)	12	(15)	7	(5)	376	(358)

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Table 2 **Pancreas donation rates for deceased donors in the UK,
1 January - 31 December 2025, by Country/ Strategic Health Authority**

Country/ Strategic Health Authority of residence	Pancreas donors (pmp) ¹					
	DBD		DCD		TOTAL	
North East	8	(2.9)	9	(3.3)	17	(6.3)
North West	16	(2.1)	19	(2.5)	35	(4.6)
Yorkshire and The Humber	12	(2.1)	11	(2.0)	23	(4.1)
North of England	36	(2.3)	39	(2.4)	75	(4.7)
East Midlands	17	(3.4)	8	(1.6)	25	(5.0)
West Midlands	13	(2.1)	11	(1.8)	24	(3.9)
East of England	17	(2.6)	19	(2.9)	36	(5.5)
Midlands and East	47	(2.7)	38	(2.2)	85	(4.8)
London	20	(2.2)	11	(1.2)	31	(3.4)
South East Coast	13	(2.6)	9	(1.8)	22	(4.5)
South Central	12	(2.6)	8	(1.7)	20	(4.4)
South West	19	(3.3)	21	(3.6)	40	(6.9)
South of England	44	(2.9)	38	(2.5)	82	(5.3)
England	147	(2.5)	126	(2.2)	273	(4.7)
Isle of Man	0	(0.0)	0	(0.0)	0	(0.0)
Channel Islands	0	(0.0)	0	(0.0)	0	(0.0)
Wales	16	(5.0)	7	(2.2)	23	(7.3)
Scotland	16	(2.9)	10	(1.8)	26	(4.7)
Northern Ireland	7	(3.6)	5	(2.6)	12	(6.3)
TOTAL²	186	(2.7)	149	(2.2)	335	(4.9)

¹ Percentages are calculated based on mid 2023 population estimates

² Includes 5 donors where the hospital postcode was used in place of an unknown donor postcode

Table 3 DBD Pancreas transplants, 1 January - 31 December 2025 (2024) by centre

Centre	Transplant type												Total	
	SPK		SIK		PTA		PAK		Islet					
									Routine		Priority			
Cambridge	7	(12)	-	-	0	(0)	1	(1)	-	-	-	-	8	(13)
Cardiff	4	(1)	-	-	0	(0)	0	(0)	-	-	-	-	4	(1)
Edinburgh	8	(8)	2	(1)	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(2)	6	(3)	18	(14)
Guys	10	(6)	-	-	0	(0)	0	(0)	-	-	-	-	10	(6)
Manchester	19	(15)	2	(4)	0	(1)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(1)	21	(21)
Newcastle	1	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)	2	(0)	0	(0)	4	(2)
Oxford	19	(22)	2	(3)	0	(2)	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(1)	23	(29)
WLRTC	2	(7)	-	-	0	(0)	0	(0)	-	-	-	-	2	(7)
King's College	-	-	0	(0)	-	-	-	-	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
TOTAL	70	(73)	6	(8)	-	(3)	3	(2)	4	(2)	7	(5)	90	(93)

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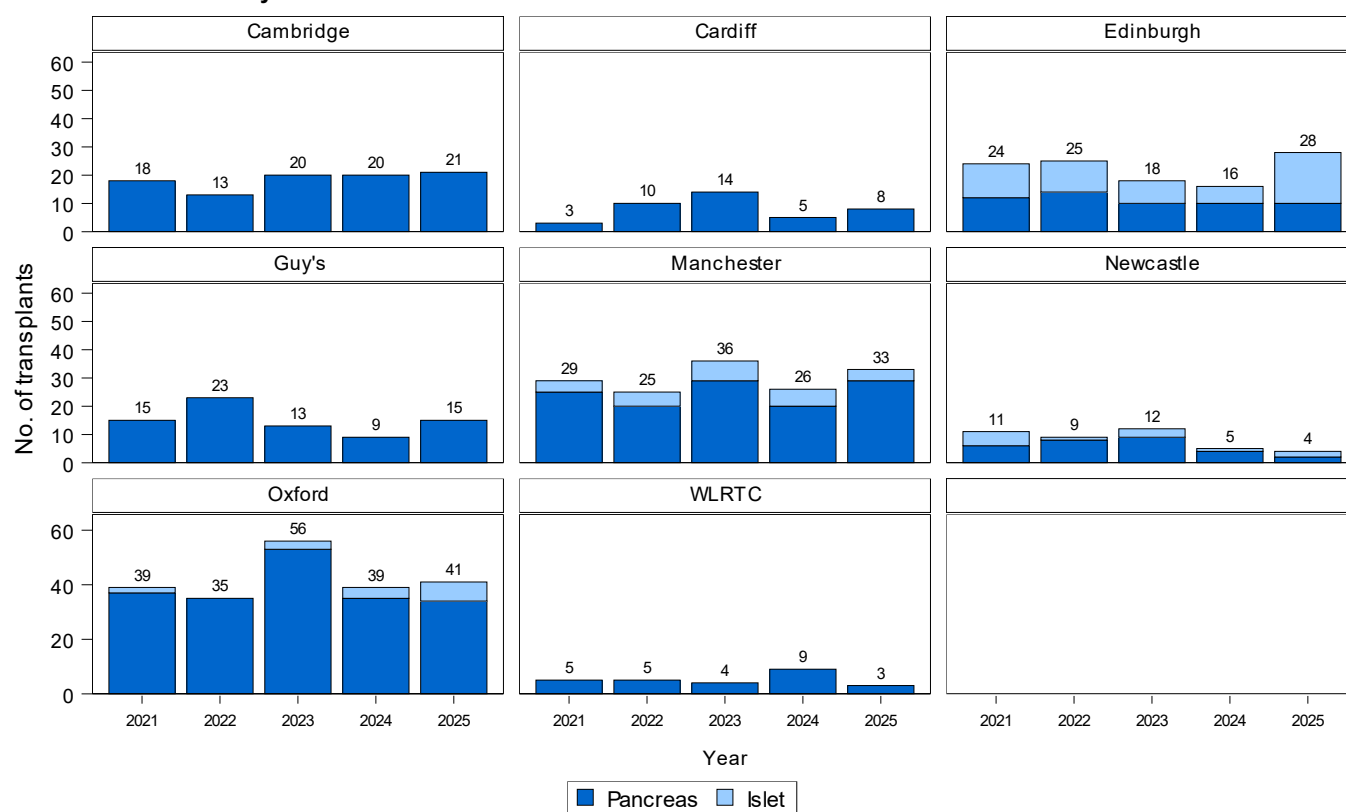
Table 4 DCD Pancreas transplants, 1 January - 31 December 2025 (2024) by centre

Centre	Transplant type												Total	
	SPK		SIK		PTA		PAK		Islet					
									Routine		Priority			
Cambridge	11	(7)	-	-	0	(0)	2	(0)	-	-	-	-	13	(7)
Cardiff	4	(4)	-	-	0	(0)	0	(0)	-	-	-	-	4	(4)
Edinburgh	2	(2)	4	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)	3	(0)	10	(2)
Guys	4	(3)	-	-	1	(0)	0	(0)	-	-	-	-	5	(3)
Manchester	9	(4)	0	(0)	1	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)	1	(1)	12	(5)
Newcastle	0	(1)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	(0)	0	(3)
Oxford	13	(9)	0	(0)	1	(1)	0	(0)	3	(0)	1	(0)	18	(10)
WLRTC	1	(1)	-	-	0	(0)	0	(1)	-	-	-	-	1	(2)
King's College	-	-	0	(0)	-	-	-	-	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
TOTAL	44	(31)	4	(0)	3	(1)	2	(2)	5	(1)	5	(1)	63	(36)

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Of the 63 DCD pancreas transplants, 22 (35%) used normothermic regional perfusion (NRP). Eight of these transplants were performed at Oxford, five at Cambridge, four at Edinburgh, three at Manchester and two at Guy's.

Figure 2 Total number of pancreas transplants by centre and transplant type, 1 January 2021 - 31 December 2025



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