

# Hello and welcome from NHS Blood and Transplant\*

Thank you for choosing to download these educational resources. At NHS Blood and Transplant, we work to save and improve thousands of lives every year through organ donation. Each year around 1,400 people generously donate their organs after they die (and many others donate a kidney or part of their liver while they are alive) and yet still on average three people die every day who could have benefitted from a transplant. With around 6,500 people currently on the waiting list, this needs to change.

The resources within this pack are designed to equip secondary school teachers with the knowledge to educate and engage students about organ and tissue donation, empowering them to openly discuss organ and tissue donation with their family and friends. Our evidence shows that people are more likely to support to donation if they are properly informed and have discussed the issue.

These resources have been put together by teachers, educators and clinicians and are aimed at Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 students.

Organ and tissue donation is a personal subject, and one that we think sits naturally within PSHE. We have worked to ensure that the resources are user-friendly and adaptable so that they can also be used by anyone and could link to the science curriculum where appropriate.

Please refer to the guidance document for more detail on the resources.

Over 23 million people are already on the NHS Organ Donor Register and all the major religions in the UK support the principles of organ and tissue donation. By adding your support, you can empower many young people to save even more lives in the future.

Many thanks for your interest in this vital subject.



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\* NHS Blood and Transplant is a Special Health Authority dedicated to saving and improving lives through the service we provide to the NHS, including managing the National Transplant Database and the NHS Organ Donor Register (ODR), and ensuring that organs and tissue are available to hospitals across the UK. We are also responsible for blood, stem cell, tissue and cord donation.

