

# A quiz on organ and tissue donation

We have been learning about organ and tissue donation. What do your friends and family know about the topic?

## Did they know?

- There are currently around 6,500 people in the UK on the transplant waiting list, but there are many more who would benefit from a transplant
- Patients with black and Asian heritage wait longer for a kidney transplant than white patients due to the lack of suitable organs
- On average three people die each day in need of a transplant because there are not enough organ donors
- Each year around 5,500 people die in circumstances where they could donate their organs, so we need to make sure that everyone who does want to become an organ donor tells their family about their decision
- One donor can save or transform up to nine lives
- Anyone of any age can join the NHS Organ Donor Register as long as they are legally capable of making the decision and live in the UK
- Corneas can be donated 24 hours after the donor dies and they don't need to be in hospital
- You are more likely to die in circumstances where you can donate your corneas than other organs or tissues
- Family members are asked to support donation going ahead at a time of a relative's death, so it is important for everyone who wants to become an organ and/or tissue donor to tell their family their decision.

