

Lesson 2:

The life stories behind organ donation and transplantation



Activity 1: Hannah Cochrane's story

Watch the film and answer the questions using the spaces below.

1. How old is Hannah?

2. What happened to Hannah while she was studying at university?

3. What does Hannah want to do first when she eventually receives a transplant?

4. Describe one positive message from Hannah's experience?



5. What has been the most difficult thing for Hannah to come to terms with?

6. How do you think Hannah's family feel?

7. What surprised Hannah after she joined the NHS Organ Donor Register at 16 years old?

8. Why is organ donation and transplantation seen as a very difficult thing to talk about?



Activity 1: Charles Obadiaru's story

Watch the film and answer the questions using the spaces below.

1. How old is Charles?

2. What medical condition was he born with and how did this affect his life?

3. How much longer on average do people from Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities wait for a kidney transplant than a white patient?

4. How has Charles' life improved since he received a kidney?



5. Is there anything that surprised you when listening to Charles' story?

6. What is Charles' view on people becoming an organ donor?

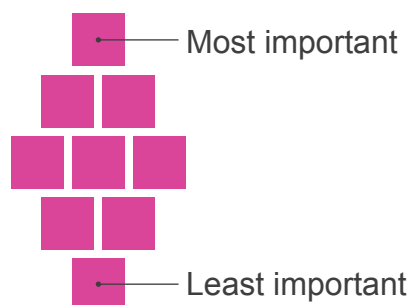
7. What do you think prevents families from consenting to the donation of their loved one's organs and tissues?

8. Imagine Charles is your brother, how would you support him through his experience?



Activity 2: Diamond nine

What are the strongest arguments for organ donation and transplantation?



Arrange the statements in the shape of a diamond to represent your views on the importance of each statement, with the most important at the top point of the diamond shape and the least important at the base.

Add your own reason here:

All major religions in the UK support the principles of organ donation and transplantation.

Despite the thousands of life-saving transplant operations that take place every year, around 7,000 people in the UK are on the active waiting list.

An organ is the greatest gift that anyone can offer.

One organ donor can improve the lives of up to nine people.

Your family may take comfort from the fact that your organs will be used to help other people's lives.

One day it could be someone you know or love, or even you, in need of a transplant.

People's blood and tissue types need to match for a successful transplant.

Statistically, you're much more likely to need an organ yourself than to be an organ donor.



Activity 3: Moral Dilemmas

Dilemma 1:

A child patient at Great Ormond Street Hospital has a heart defect. The child will eventually die if she does not receive a transplant. Her parents are willing but the girl is scared of the risks and does not want the operation to go ahead.

Dilemma 2:

A politician says that if you are not on the NHS Organ Donor Register, you should not be eligible for a transplant.

Dilemma 3:

A patient who is brain dead is on the NHS Organ Donor Register, but the family says they do not want their organs to be donated.

