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live and help to live



*Would you like save someone's
life?*

Want to learn more?

Or let's just talk about it.

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Get your donor card now!!!



- As an organ donor, you have the option to donate organs such as your **heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and small bowel**. All of these forms of donation can greatly enhance or even save the life of someone in need.
- For organ donation in England, you still have a choice whether or not you want to become one, and can register or amend your decision at any time.
- All the major religions and belief systems in the UK are open to the principles of organ donation and transplantation and accept that organ donation is an individual choice.
- Your funeral plans will not be affected by organ donation.
- A specialist nurses always discusses with your family to see if there are considerations around your faith, beliefs or culture with respect to funeral plans.
- The surgery carried out to remove a donor's organs is carried out by highly skilled professionals who take the same care and attention, and offer the same respect as they would in any operation to save a patient's life.
- The surgical incisions are carefully dressed after the surgery and any end of life care wishes in relation to the washing and dressing of the body are respected.
- The donation operation is performed as soon as possible after death.
- After donation, the body is always returned to the family of the deceased in the same way as any death in a hospital where donation has not taken place.
- Families are given the opportunity to spend time with their loved one after the operation if they wish.
- Jains believe that karma decides which way the soul will go in the next life, and that the soul and the body are two separate entities.

- It is thought that the greatest thing one can do in this life is making the gift of life to help another person live a better life.

Some Statistics

Total deceased donors (DD) in UK 2020/21- 1180

Total Kidney transplants across UK 2020/21- 1836

Number of people awaiting a Kidney transplant 2020/21- 3408

312 patients from the organ transplant waiting list lost their lives while waiting for a kidney transplant in the United Kingdom (UK) during the period 2020/21. In the year April 2020 to March 2021, 60 and 48 people also died waiting for liver and lung transplants respectively.

- One year after being listed for a kidney transplant, 35% of White patients had received their transplant whereas only 19% of Black, Asian, Mixed Race or minority ethnic patients had received a transplant.
- Around 6% of Black, Asian, Mixed Race or minority ethnic patients have died waiting for an organ.
- This shows the continued imbalance between the need for transplants in our Black and Asian communities and the availability of suitable organs.
- In total, when approached about organ donation in the hospital over the course of this year, 39.5% of Black, Asian, Mixed Race or minority ethnic families agreed to support donation going ahead, compared to 69% of white families.
- Many of these families approached can still find it difficult because organ donation is not something they have discussed with their relative. Others still have concerns about whether organ donation can go ahead in line with their religious beliefs.

Data referenced from:

<https://nhs.uk/what-you-need-to-know/about-organ-donation/annual-stats.pdf>

<https://nhs.uk/what-you-need-to-know/about-organ-donation/transplant-activity-report-2020-2021.pdf>

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