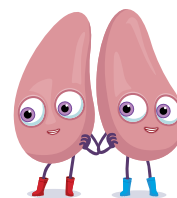




ALL ABOUT ORGANS

FAQS



WHAT IS AN ORGAN TRANSPLANT?

Doctors can sometimes perform a special operation called an organ transplant. This is when the doctors replace a failed or damaged organ with a healthier one. For this to happen, organs need to be given or donated by organ donors.

WHAT IS ORGAN DONATION?

Organ donation is giving a solid organ (like a lung) or tissue (like skin) to help someone who needs a transplant.

WHO CAN BE AN ORGAN DONOR?

Everyone can join the NHS Organ Donor Register – there is no age limit and those with illnesses or long-term conditions can also sign up to be donors. Specialist healthcare professionals decide in each individual case whether a person's organs and tissue are suitable for donation.

WHY DO I NEED TO SHARE MY DECISION WITH MY FAMILY?

If you die in circumstances where you are able to donate, your family will still be asked about organ donation. This is why it is so important to share your choice with your family, whatever you decide – to help make sure your choice is honoured.

WHAT CAN BE DONATED?

The heart, lungs, kidneys, liver, eyes (corneas), pancreas, small intestine (small bowel) and tissues (including skin, bone and tendons) can all be donated.

IF YOU ARE AN ORGAN DONOR DO YOU HAVE TO DONATE ALL YOUR ORGANS?

It is your choice. You can choose to donate some organs but not others.

DOES MY RELIGION SUPPORT ORGAN DONATION?

The major religions and belief systems in the UK support the principles of organ donation and understand that organ donation is an individual choice.

WHAT IS THE LAW ON ORGAN DONATION IN ENGLAND FROM SPRING 2020?

Everyone over 18 will be considered to have agreed to be an organ donor unless they have recorded a decision to not donate, or are in an excluded group. Talking to your family will help make sure your choice is honoured.

To find out more about your choices and record your decision, visit www.organdonation.nhs.uk

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