

**Jack's life was
saved by someone
we never even met.**



**Organ donation.
Speak up and save a life.**



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Donation gives the gift of life.

By donating your organs after you die, you could save the lives of up to seven people.


There is a shortage of organs for transplant. In Northern Ireland around 200 people are on a waiting list, and someone dies on average every three weeks because they don't receive the vital organ they need.

Organ donation helps more than just the recipient. Donor families often say they take comfort from knowing they have fulfilled the wishes of their loved one and that something positive has come from their loss.

If you want to be an organ donor:



**Speak up
and tell your family
your wishes.**



**Sign the
NHS Organ Donor
Register.**

You can sign the register using this form or by visiting organdonationni.info

The NHS Organ Donor Register.

The register is a confidential database of anyone who chooses to sign up to be an organ donor. The register lists the organs and/or tissues you want to donate. It is also the database which medical professionals will consult to see if someone has opted to be a donor.

Registering is easy:



Online – it takes just a few minutes to register at organdonationni.info



Phone – call **0300 123 23 23**



Post – fill in the attached form and return it by freepost

Who can sign the register?

Anyone above the age of 14 can sign the register. It doesn't matter how old you are or how your health is.* If the time comes, medical professionals will determine if your organs are healthy and suitable for donation.

*Parents/guardians can register their children before the age of 14 if the child has expressed a wish to do so.

Share your decision and save lives.

You should make sure to tell your family about your decision. If you die in circumstances where organ donation is possible, those closest to you will be asked to give their consent. Knowing your wishes can make this difficult time less stressful for your loved ones.

Only a small number of people die in circumstances where organ donation is possible, which means every donor is precious. If that person's family says no to donation, someone waiting for a transplant misses out.

Signing the register and telling your family you have done so sends a clear message that you want to be a donor.

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Did you know?

The NHS Organ Donor Register...

...is a confidential central database where your details are held if you choose to sign up to be an organ donor. The register lists the organs and/or tissues you want to donate. Signing the register is the only way to centrally record your wishes.

Age and health...

...aren't barriers to organ donation. Everyone has the potential to be a donor, no matter what age you are or how your health is.

Your medical care...

...will not be affected. Health professionals have a duty of care to try to save life first. If, despite all their efforts the patient dies, his or her wish to be an organ donor may then be fulfilled.

All the major religions...

...support the principles of organ donation, and accept it's an individual choice. Consult your religious adviser or visit organdonationni.info if you need more information.



84%

of the Northern Ireland population are in support of organ donation.

Only

55%



of families agree to donation going ahead if they are unaware of their loved one's wishes.

On

average 1 person dies
in Northern Ireland **every 3 weeks**

because they don't receive the vital organ they need.



Only

32%



of the population in Northern Ireland have signed the NHS Organ Donor Register.

Your family will make the final decision on donating your organs, whether you have signed the register or not. Make sure you have told them your wishes.

Please register my details on the NHS Organ Donor Register

Please complete in CAPITAL LETTERS using a black ballpoint pen.

*Indicates that a field must be completed.

My name and address

Surname*

Forename(s)*

Date of birth* / / Male * Female *

Address*

Postcode*

Telephone

Mobile

Email

My wishes

I want to donate: (Please tick the boxes that apply)

A. any of my organs and tissue **or**

B. **my** kidneys heart liver small bowel
eyes lungs pancreas tissue

for transplantation after my death.

Signature

Date

Please tick here if you would like to receive future information about blood, organ and tissue donation from NHS Blood and Transplant.

My ethnic origin

There's a better chance of getting a closer match and a successful transplant if the donor and recipient are from the same ethnic group. Please tick the ethnic group which best describes you.

White: British Irish Other

Mixed: White/Black Caribbean White/Asian
White/Black African Other

Asian or Asian British: Indian Pakistani
Bangladeshi Other

Black or Black British: Caribbean African Other

Other ethnic categories: Chinese Other

Not stated:

Data Protection Assurance. Completion of this form is for the purpose of recording your wishes to become an organ donor. All information provided to NHS Blood and Transplant is used in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Your data may be handled on our behalf in a country not normally covered by EU Data Protection law. If so, we will ensure that the data will be protected by the EU requirements. More information on how we look after your personal details can be found at nhsbt.nhs.uk or by calling 0300 123 23 23.

If you wish to amend or withdraw your record from the NHS Organ Donor Register you can do so by calling the Organ Donor Line on 0300 123 23 23, visiting organdonation.nhs.uk or writing to us at the address overleaf.

You don't
need to use
a stamp
but doing
so helps save
our funds

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