

Northern Ireland Organ Donation Services Team

Taking Organ Transplantation to 2020

In 2021/22, from 68 consented donors the Northern Ireland Organ Donation Services Team facilitated 55 actual solid organ donors resulting in 127 patients receiving a life-saving or life-changing transplant. Data obtained from the UK Transplant Registry.

In addition to the 55 proceeding donors there were 13 consented donors that did not proceed.

Best quality of care in organ donation

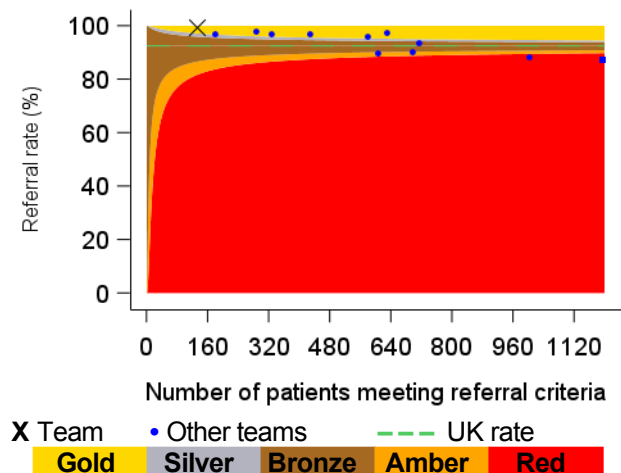
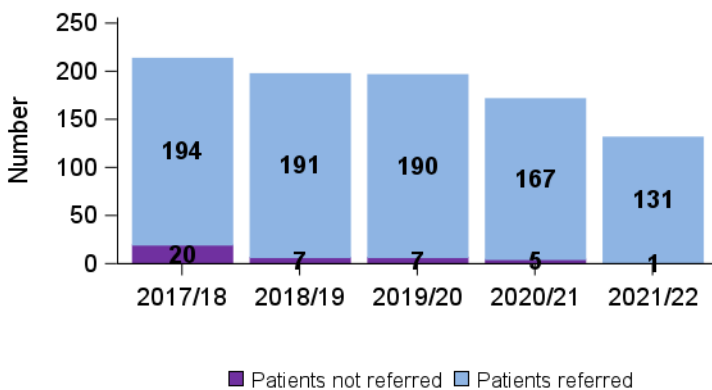
We acknowledge that the data presented in this section includes the period most significantly impacted by COVID-19 and appreciate that the COVID-19 pandemic affected Trusts/Boards differently across the UK.

Referral of potential deceased organ donors

Goal: Every patient who meets the referral criteria should be identified and referred to NHS Blood and Transplant's Organ Donation Service

Aim: There should be no purple on the chart

Aim: The team (marked with a cross) should fall within Bronze, Silver, or Gold



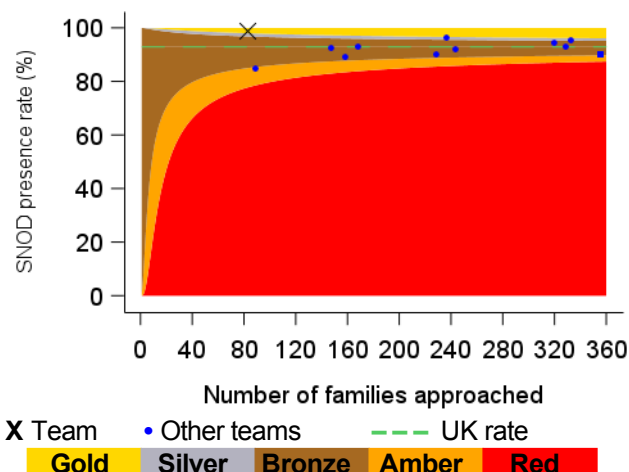
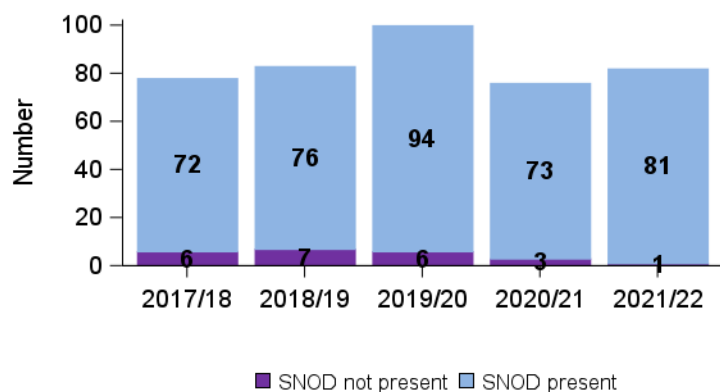
131 potential organ donors were referred to the team during 2021/22. There was 1 occasion where a potential organ donor was not referred.

Presence of Specialist Nurse for Organ Donation

Goal: A Specialist Nurse for Organ Donation (SNOD) should be present during every organ donation discussion with families

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A SNOD was present for 81 organ donation discussions with families during 2021/22. There was 1 occasion where a SNOD was not present.

Further information

Further information on potential donors after brain death (DBD) and potential donors after circulatory death (DCD) within the region are shown below, including a UK comparison. Data obtained from the Potential Donor Audit (PDA).

	DBD		DCD		Deceased donors	
	Northern Ireland	UK	Northern Ireland	UK	Northern Ireland	UK
Patients meeting organ donation referral criteria ¹	75	1919	69	5198	132	6767
Referred to Organ Donation Service	75	1894	68	4700	131	6258
<i>Referral rate %</i>	G 100%	99%	G 99%	90%	G 99%	92%
Neurological death tested	55	1530				
<i>Testing rate %</i>	B 73%	80%				
Eligible donors ²	53	1373	43	2972	96	4345
Family approached	50	1239	32	1445	82	2684
Family approached and SNOD present	50	1188	31	1306	81	2494
<i>% of approaches where SNOD present</i>	G 100%	96%	S 97%	90%	G 99%	93%
Consent ascertained	39	861	24	902	63	1763
<i>Consent rate %</i>	B 78%	69%	B 75%	62%	S 77%	66%
- Expressed opt in	24	522	14	550	38	1072
- <i>Expressed opt in %</i>	96%	95%	100%	90%	97%	92%
- Deemed Consent	0	260	0	267	0	527
- <i>Deemed Consent %</i>	N/A	63%	N/A	56%	N/A	59%
- Other*	15	78	10	83	25	161
- <i>Other* %</i>	65%	66%	63%	47%	64%	55%
Actual donors (PDA data)	37	787	17	602	54	1389
<i>% of consented donors that became actual donors</i>	95%	91%	71%	67%	86%	79%

¹ DBD - A patient with suspected neurological death
DCD - A patient in whom imminent death is anticipated, ie a patient receiving assisted ventilation, a clinical decision to withdraw treatment has been made and death is anticipated within 4 hours

² DBD - Death confirmed by neurological tests and no absolute contraindications to solid organ donation
DCD - Imminent death anticipated and treatment withdrawn with no absolute contraindications to solid organ donation

* Includes patients where nation specific deemed criteria are not met and the patient has not expressed a donation decision in accordance with relevant legislation

Note that a patient that meets both the referral criteria for DBD and DCD organ donation is featured in both the DBD and DCD data but will only be counted once in the deceased donors total

Gold **Silver** **Bronze** **Amber** **Red**

For further information, including definitions, see the latest Potential Donor Audit report at www.odt.nhs.uk/statistics-and-reports/potential-donor-audit/