

Saving and transforming lives

"Thanks to my organ donor and their family my life has been extended beyond all expectations. This has given me extra precious time with my wife and 2 young daughters. Over the last 6 years we have created numerous special memories which would not have been possible without the gift of life given to me by my donor. I give thanks every day that my wife has her husband back and my girls have their daddy back".



Sean, who received a double lung transplant at Wythenshawe Hospital. Dec 2006

Specialist support on hand



**If you believe
in organ donation
prove it**

University Hospital **NHS**
of South Manchester
NHS Foundation Trust

The Specialist Nurse in Organ Donation will support a family throughout their decision regarding organ donation.

The nurse will spend time with the family explaining the process and answering any questions.

If a family chooses to proceed with donation, the nurse will remain with their loved one throughout the donation surgery.

Follow up care, including home visits, is also provided by the Specialist Nurse as continued support for the bereaved family.

Giving the Gift of Life

"... this (organ donation) was a real positive as it meant his untimely death was not entirely in vain; other people could benefit from our loss and sadness. Paul was a kind, caring person, so it's good to know that some of that legacy lives on."

Jan, whose brother died and donated organs to help others to live. Oct 2012



Join the NHS Organ Donation Register

Offering an end of life choice

If your loved one is critically ill, you may be asked to think about the option of organ donation when they die.

This is a normal part of end of life care within the hospital.

Our staff will be sensitive to your personal wishes and will support you in whatever decision is right for you.

Paul died on 14th March 2012 aged 47.

He had tragically suffered a brain haemorrhage. Paul was a kind, caring person, and his family felt he would have wanted to donate organs in the event of his death.

Thanks to Paul's gift and the remarkable courage and support of his family, three people had a second chance of life.

How to register

It's simple to join the NHS Organ Donor Register using one of the following methods:

- Go to www.organdonation.nhs.uk
- Call 0300 123 2323
- Text SAVE to 84118

Even when you have joined the NHS Organ Donor Register, in the event of your death specialist staff will ask your family before recovering organs and tissue. Please discuss your thoughts with your loved ones. Knowing and understanding your wishes can really help to make this important decision a little easier.

Bringing comfort at a time of loss

Some or all of the following can be transplanted: skin, tissue, eyes, kidneys, heart, liver, lungs, pancreas and the small bowel.

It is a common misconception that only young, fit and healthy individuals can donate organs. In fact, some donors are in their 80's. Many common illnesses do not exclude the possibility of donation. Eyes have been successfully transplanted from donors as old as 104 years.

"donating her kidneys seemed such a kind thing to do; giving someone else a better chance of life even though her life was ending"

"her death was devastating and difficult to accept but along with our grief there is now hope and happiness for someone else. They say kindness is contagious and there is nothing truer in this case"

"death is the saddest aspect of life but giving life to another is truly a wonderful thing"

*Claire, whose Mother died aged 80 years and donated organs to save lives.
May 2011*



During 2011-2012 there were 120 organ donors from the North West of England. Remarkably, through their kind gifts they have helped 311 people receive transplants. Of these donors, 8 had been patients cared for at the University Hospital of South Manchester.