

East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust

Organ Donation and Transplantation 2030: Meeting the Need

In 2025/26, from 20 consented donors the Trust facilitated 18 actual solid organ donors resulting in 38 patients receiving a life-saving or life-changing transplant. Data obtained from the UK Transplant Registry.

In addition to the 18 proceeding donors there were 2 consented donors that did not proceed.

Additionally, 12 corneas were received by NHSBT Eye Banks from your Trust.

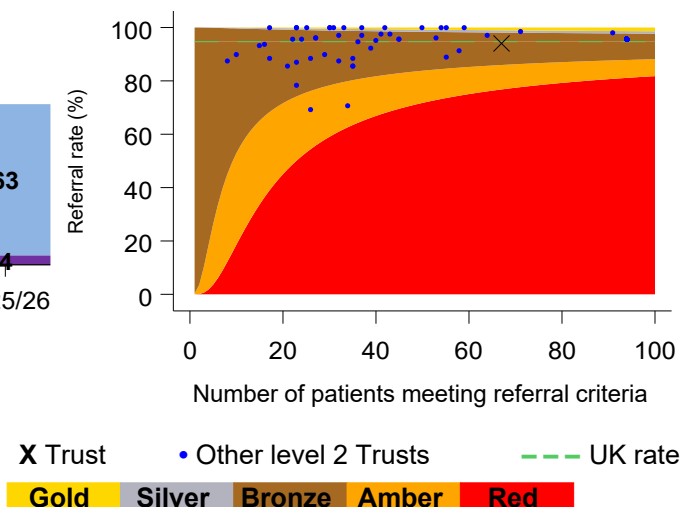
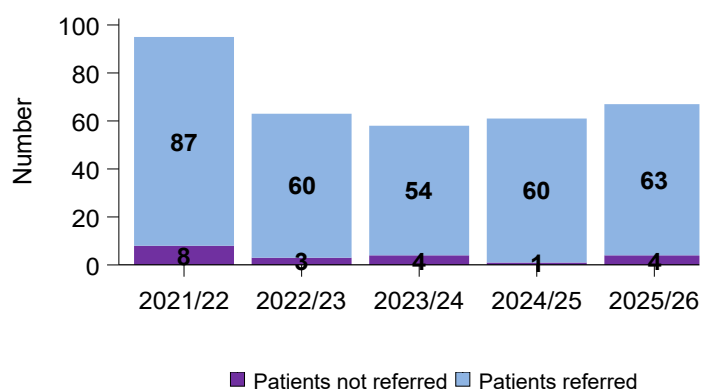
Best quality of care in organ donation

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 Trust (marked with a cross) should fall within Bronze, Silver, or Gold



The Trust referred 63 potential organ donors during 2025/26. There were 4 occasions where potential organ donors were not referred.

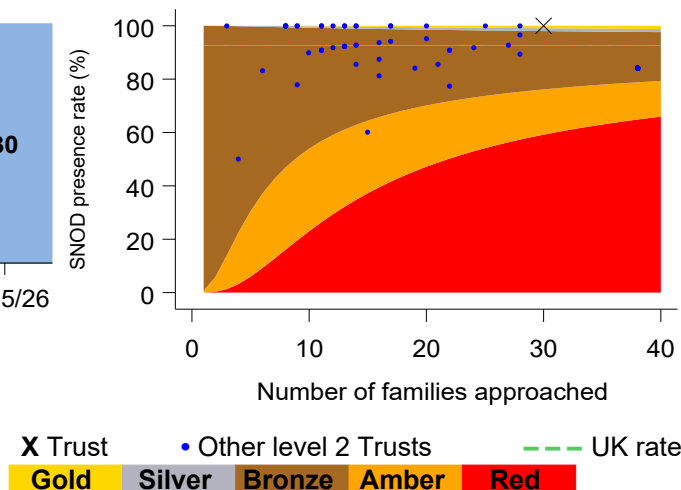
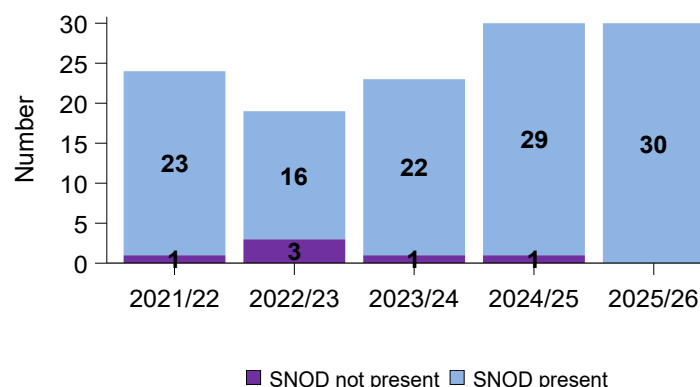
When compared with UK performance, the Trust was average (bronze) for referral of potential organ donors to NHS Blood and Transplant.

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

Aim: There should be no purple on the chart

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



A SNOD was present for 30 organ donation discussions with families during 2025/26. There were no occasions where a SNOD was not present.

When compared with UK performance, the Trust was exceptional (gold) for SNOD presence when approaching families to discuss organ donation.

Why it matters

- If suitable patients are not referred, the patient's decision to be an organ donor is not honoured or the family does not get the chance to support organ donation.
- The consent rate in the UK is much higher when a SNOD is present.
- The number of patients receiving a life-saving or life-changing solid organ transplant in the UK is increasing but patients are still dying while waiting.

Regional donors, transplants, waiting list, and NHS Organ Donor Register (ODR) data

	East of England*	UK
1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026		
Deceased donors	180	1,428
Transplants from deceased donors	360	3,641
Deaths on the transplant list	26	431
As at 31 March 2026		
Active transplant list	638	8,296
Number of NHS ODR opt-in registrations (% registered)	2,848,846 (45%)**	28,794,504 (43%)
Number of NHS ODR opt-out registrations (% registered)	247,001 (4%)**	2,948,883 (4%)

*Regions are defined using the NHS region definitions

** % registered based on population of 6.35 million, based on ONS 2021 census data

Further information

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

Key numbers, rates and comparison with UK data, 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026

	DBD		DCD		Deceased donors	
	Trust	UK	Trust	UK	Trust	UK
Patients meeting organ donation referral criteria ¹	15	1853	57	5288	67	6552
Referred to Organ Donation Service	15	1840	53	4944	63	6203
Referral rate %	G 100%	99%	B 93%	93%	B 94%	95%
Neurological death tested	9	1251				
Testing rate %	B 60%	68%				
Eligible donors ²	8	1138	27	3698	35	4836
Medically suitable eligible donors ³	8	1138	25	2231	33	3369
Family approached	8	1033	22	1976	30	3009
Family approached of medically suitable eligible donor	8	1033	22	1939	30	2972
% approached of medically suitable eligible	G 100%	91%	B 88%	87%	B 91%	88%
Family approached and SNOD present	8	1002	22	1785	30	2787
% of approaches where SNOD present	G 100%	97%	G 100%	90%	G 100%	93%
Consent ascertained	6	676	14	1037	20	1713
Consent rate %	B 75%	65%	B 64%	52%	B 67%	57%
- Expressed opt in	2	426	8	678	10	1104
- Expressed opt in %	100%	93%	89%	83%	91%	87%
- Deemed Consent	1	197	4	293	5	490
- Deemed Consent %	33%	53%	44%	41%	42%	45%
- Other*	3	52	2	64	5	116
- Other* %	100%	51%	67%	32%	83%	39%
Actual donors (PDA data)	6	634	12	771	18	1405
% of consented donors that became actual donors	100%	94%	86%	74%	90%	82%

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

³ Medically suitable eligible donor - An eligible donor with no DCD exclusions and not deemed unsuitable by the DCD screening process

* 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 and up to date metrics via our Power BI reports at:

<https://www.odt.nhs.uk/statistics-and-reports/potential-donor-audit-report/>.