

Organ donation:

Please refer any ventilated (ETT or dependent on NIV) patient **≥37/40 corrected gestational age**, who meets the following criteria:

- **Death is likely in the next 48 hours** – either by neurological determination of death through testing criteria or by withdrawal of life sustaining treatment
- **Family have raised organ donation**
- Discussions regarding **re-orientation of care** – including **palliative care** discussions.
- Early **end of life care** planning

24-hour organ donation referral line: 03000 20 30 40

The Specialist Nurse – Organ Donation (SNOD) team will take the patient's details and history and discuss whether they have the potential to help others through organ donation.

Please do not mention donation to the family until the SNOD team have made a plan with the neonatal team. If the family have raised organ donation themselves, please thank them for thinking of others and explain that you will speak with the Specialist Nurse team to find out more for them.

Tissue donation:

Patients do not have to be ventilated at end of life to be a tissue donor. Neonates are potentially able to donate heart valves.

If you have a baby who dies, please call the National Referral Centre for tissue donation to ask whether they are currently accepting small heart valves. If they are, you may wish to speak with the family about tissue donation as part of their bereavement care.

A suggested phrase is: “[Patient's name] may be able to help other children by donating their heart valves. Would you like some more information about this? I can ask a Specialist Nurse to call you with more information.”

If the family would like more information, please call the National Referral Centre (NRC):

NRC: 0800 432 0559

Overnight, please leave a message on their secure answerphone and they will return your call the next day. They will take the patient details and liaise directly with the family over the phone to give them the information and take consent for tissue donation.

Contact:

For urgent questions/referrals please use the 24-hour organ donation referral line.

For non-urgent enquiries, please email the UHS organ donation team: snod@uhs.nhs.uk