

**Trust Board of Directors Meeting  
Report Summary**

<b>Date of Meeting:</b> 6 July	
<b>Title of Document:</b> Annual Organ Donation Committee Report	
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<b>1. Status:</b> <b>For Approval/Discussion/Noting/<u>Information</u></b>	
<b>2. Purpose:</b>	
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Strategic Objective	x
Operational performance	
Quality	x
Legal/Regulatory/Audit	x
Finance	
Governance	x
NHS policy/public consultation	x
Accreditation/inspection	
Anchor institutions	
ICS/ICB/Alliance	
Board Assurance Framework (BAF) Risk	
Other	
<b>3. Summary:</b> The attached annual Organ Donation summary report from NHS Blood & Transplant details the Organ Donation information for ESNEFT. For the first time this is a single ESNEFT report based on activity for Colchester and Ipswich hospitals combined.  We continue to see improvements in the number of donors and proceeding transplants but have not returned to pre-pandemic levels yet, although numbers of donors do very significantly from year to year. There has been a significant increase in donation activity in the second half of the 22/23 year.	

The 2022-2023 ESNEFT report details that from 13 consented patients (donors) there were 8 proceeding solid organ donors resulting in 23 life-saving or life-changing organ transplants. Note that this does not include corneal and heart valve donations which 5 of the 8 proceeding donors also generously donated.

The “Best quality of Care in Organ Donation” graphs in the report show that we do well in terms of referring almost all potential donors. This is vital in ensuring that all patients who make a decision to be an organ donor have that desire honoured.

The graphs also show that whilst the Specialist Nurse for Organ Donation (SNOD) is present at most meetings with families, this was not the case in 3 out of 19. The reasons for this are multifactorial but on some occasions there isn't a SNOD physically on the hospital site and a meeting/discussion with a family is urgent and cannot wait. These missed opportunities are reviewed at Organ Donation Committee.

Over the past year ESNEFT Organ Donation Committee has supported and funded 4 critical care staff across both sites to attend the 3 day annual Joint NHS Blood & Transplant and British Transplant Society Congress (Edinburgh March 2023) and also supported organ donation link nurses to attend the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital organ donation study day (April 2023). These experiences along with items purchased with organ donation funds have provided a communication opportunity for organ donation week later in 2023.

The Organ Donation Committee has been opened up to include ED, Critical Care and Theatre Link-nurses and this improves inter-departmental relationships and communication with the specific aim of increasing organ donation opportunities and knowledge generally.

At Colchester we are working with main theatres to improve end-of-life resources for Last Offices and we are developing an organ donation resources trolley and a staff thank you poster for ED, Critical Care, and Theatres. At Ipswich we are hopefully entering the final stages of the installation of our commemorative artwork outside the Intensive Care Unit as a memorial to those patients who have given the potential gift of life to others, and in recognition of donor families' efforts. We also hope to begin a project of further improving the “relatives' journey” through to Intensive Care using artwork donations. We are liaising with estates to be able to use upgraded external lighting on the Garret Anderson Centre's exterior to highlight special weeks such as Organ Donation week. We are looking at the addition of “keep sakes” for an End of Life box for families beginning the bereavement process. On both sites there is ongoing SNOD and CLOD teaching for the Critical Care, Junior Doctor, Outreach and ED teams.

#### **4. Recommendations / Actions**

The Board is invited to consider this paper for assurance.