

# Organ Donation Update

## DID YOU KNOW?

### THE ORGAN DONATION (DEEMED CONSENT) ACT 2019 REGULATIONS 2020

The Organ Donation (Deemed Consent) Act 2019 Regulations 2020, obtained Royal Assent in March 2019 but came into power on 20 May 2020. This means that Organ donation in England has moved to an "opt out" system. This will enable up to 700 extra transplants per year.

All Adults in England will be considered to have agreed to be an organ donor when they die.

Families will always be consulted, even with the opt out system.

The individual's faith, beliefs and culture will continue to be respected. If an individual has already decided to donate and this has been shared with their family, the family would be expected to support the decision.

If an individual has not recorded a decision either way and is not in an excluded group, their family will be approached and asked if they have any information about the individual's organ donation decision. If no information is available, it will be considered that the individual consents to donating their organs and their family would be expected to support this.

## DID YOU KNOW? THE EXCEPTIONS

(1) if the donor has opted out; or  
(2) are in one of the excluded groups.

## DID YOU KNOW? WHAT IF I WANT TO DONATE SOME BUT NOT ALL OF MY ORGANS?

You can specify which organs on the NHS Organ Donor Register.

## DID YOU KNOW? WHAT ARE THE EXCLUDED GROUPS?

1. People under 18
2. People who lack mental capacity to understand the new arrangements;
3. Visitors to England and those who do not live here voluntarily;
4. People who have lived in England for less than 12 months before their death.