

COUNTRY	United Kingdom									
Geography	It occupies an area of 80,823 square miles	The United Kingdom is a unitary state consisting of four countries: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.								
Population	Resident population 61,383,000 in 2008	<p>Percentage breakdown of UK Population</p> <table> <tr> <td>England</td> <td>84%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wales</td> <td>5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scotland</td> <td>8%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Northern Ireland</td> <td>3%</td> </tr> </table> <p>Black or minority ethnic population 7.9%</p>	England	84%	Wales	5%	Scotland	8%	Northern Ireland	3%
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Legislation and Regulations	<p>Human Tissue Act</p> <p>Human Tissue Authority</p>	<p>Human Tissue Act 2004: England, Northern Ireland and Wales</p> <p>Human Tissue Act 2006: Scotland</p>								
Opt in Opt out Presumed	<p>Opt-in</p> <p>2009 Welsh Assembly Government announce intention to introduce presumed consent</p>	<p>Family approached for consent in all cases regardless of registered decision to become a donor.</p> <p>2008 Donation Taskforce advise against introducing presumed consent. Decision to be reviewed in 2013.</p>								
Donor Register	Voluntary national Organ Donor Register established 1997	<p>Multiple points of registration by post, telephone, text and online. Accessible to NHS staff only.</p> <p>Organ Donor Register https://www.organdonation.nhs.uk</p>								
Infra-structure	NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT)	<p>Formerly known as UK Transplant</p> <p>By the end of 2010 all Specialist Nurses/ Practitioners in Organ Donation (formerly DTC's) will be employed by NHSBT and their number increased to 266 employees.</p>								
Profile of Transplant Coordinators	Registered Nurse or equivalent	Predominantly Critical Care trained but some from Emergency Medicine and Theatres.								

Local and National Training for Transplant Coordinators	Under review	Education requirements presently under review but formerly degree level modules in organ donation issues and practice. In-house national training provided in hospital development and consenting.
National Guidelines for Clinical Practice on Organ Donation	Guidelines issued by NHSBT and Human Tissue Authority	
Organ Allocation and Exchange	Waiting lists and organ allocation controlled by NHSBT	Organs retrieved by national retrieval teams (since April 2010) and allocated nationally depending upon match and clinical urgency. The exceptions are kidneys from DCD's which may be used locally. The selling or procuring of organs for profit is illegal.
Donation after Cardiac Death (DCD)	Category 1 Category 2 Category 3 Category 4 Category 5	Mainly Category 3 and 4 throughout the UK, two centres' carry out Category 2.
Number of Potential Donating Hospitals	City hospitals and District General hospitals	299 hospitals have the potential for organ donors.
Number of Transplant Centres		8 = Cardiac centres 9 = Liver centres 8 = Pancreas centres 25 = Kidney centres
Living Related Programs		Most kidney transplant centres perform Live related donations and transplants. Very few live related liver or lungs transplants take place.
Statistics (websites)	NHSBT donation and transplant activity reports.	https://www.organdonation.nhs.uk/ukt/statistics/statistics.jsp
Contacts of	Intensive Care Society	http://www.ics.ac.uk/

Scientific/ Professional Organizations	British Transplant Society	http://www.bts.org.uk/
Transplant Outcome Registries	Held by NHSBT	http://www.organdonation.nhs.uk/ukt/default.jsp
Any current National Issues / Initiatives	Government currently funding taskforce strategy to increase organ donation by 50% by 2013	Government has accepted all 14 recommendations of the Organ Donation taskforce to restructure the organ donation service in the UK http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH_084231