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## Negative factors reported as affecting an individual decision to donate

Respondents were asked “Which of these apply to you when thinking about whether you would consider donating your organs after death?”. It was possible to select more than one answer.

	Definite wish to donate all (n = 504)		Definite wish to donate some (n = 252)		Consider donating all (n = 254)		Consider donating some (n = 249)		Don't know (n = 188)		Definite wish not to donate (n = 101)		P <0.05
I want my body to be whole when it is buried or cremated	4	1%	17	7%	12	5%	28	11%	57	30%	38	37%	*
I worry hospital staff might not do their best to save my life if they knew my organs were available for donation	37	7%	38	15%	47	19%	54	22%	54	29%	31	31%	*
I think organ donation is against my religion / faith	2	0%	4	2%	5	2%	9	4%	17	9%	24	24%	*
I don't want to suffer after death	3	1%	13	5%	14	6%	19	8%	19	10%	15	15%	*
I don't know enough about it	4	1%	18	7%	41	16%	58	23%	42	22%	13	13%	*
I worry my family might be upset if I donated my organs	31	6%	47	19%	48	19%	84	34%	40	21%	12	12%	*
I don't want to donate to someone who does not deserve it	21	4%	28	11%	30	12%	40	16%	34	18%	11	11%	*
I have an illness that will stop doctors wanting my organs	17	3%	9	4%	10	4%	7	3%	6	3%	11	11%	
I worry I could still be alive when they do the operation	27	5%	27	11%	37	15%	37	15%	34	18%	11	11%	*
I wouldn't accept an organ transplant, so I wouldn't donate an organ	2	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%	10	10%	
I think organ donation is against my culture	3	1%	3	1%	0	0%	3	1%	5	3%	9	9%	*
I don't want to think about my death	29	6%	53	21%	51	20%	69	28%	67	36%	7	7%	*
I would worry my organs wouldn't be used for transplantation	21	4%	24	10%	23	9%	31	12%	18	10%	6	6%	*
I'm too old – my organs wouldn't be of any use	26	5%	10	4%	33	13%	20	8%	24	13%	6	6%	*
I worry that organ donation will delay the burial or cremation time	6	1%	12	5%	9	4%	35	14%	14	7%	6	6%	*
I don't want to donate to someone from a different religion / faith to me	0	0%	1	0%	2	1%	1	0%	2	1%	4	4%	
I don't want to donate to someone from a different community to me	3	1%	1	0%	3	1%	2	1%	1	1%	3	3%	
I can't give blood so I don't	11	2%	9	4%	15	6%	22	9%	26	14%	2	2%	*

think I could donate my organs													
Other	5	1%	5	2%	10	4%	6	2%	8	4%	4	4%	
Don't know	9	2%	5	2%	8	3%	11	4%	25	13%	10	10%	*
None of these	351	70%	95	38%	60	24%	27	11%	1	1%	7	7%	*

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**The impact of an individual's personal views on their likelihood of consenting to another becoming an organ donor**

	Overall	Definite wish to donate all	Definite wish to donate some	Consider donating all	Consider donating some	Don't know	Definite wish not to donate	Chi-squared
<b>Give consent when prior wish to donate known</b>	1347 (87%)	500 (99%)	233 (93%)	231 (91%)	202 (81%)	122 (65%)	59 (59%)	< 0.0001
<b>Give consent when prior wishes unknown</b>	434 (28%)	283 (56%)	60 (24%)	57 (22%)	28 (11%)	2 (1%)	5 (5%)	< 0.0001
<b>Uncertain when prior wishes unknown</b>	439 (28%)	145 (29%)	87 (35%)	99 (39%)	59 (24%)	40 (21%)	9 (9%)	< 0.0001
<b>Unwilling to consent in any situation</b>	51 (3%)	1 (0.1%)	6 (3%)	4 (1%)	3 (1%)	14 (8%)	23 (23%)	< 0.001
<b>Excludes those who stated that they were uncertain</b>								

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### Motivations to agreement without prior indication of potential donor's wishes

Amongst those who said that they would consent to transplantation when there was no prior spoken consent or ODR sign-up.

Statement	Number (n = 447)	%
It could help to save someone's life	309	69%
I believe it's right for people to donate their organs	254	57%
I think it's the right thing to do in that situation	246	55%
It's making something positive out of a sad situation	239	53%
Their organs would only go to waste	238	53%
I would accept an organ to make them better, so I should be prepared to donate theirs	187	42%
If they were strongly against organ donation they would have told me	183	41%
I know my family believe in organ donation	155	35%
It would bring me some comfort	151	34%
I would feel proud to donate their organs	149	33%
I wouldn't want to go against their wishes in case they wanted to be a donor:	95	21%
I worry that I would regret it afterwards if I didn't agree	84	19%
I would feel selfish if I didn't agree	71	16%
I have known someone who needed a transplant	53	12%
Don't know	3	1%
Other	2	1%

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### **Factors that uncertain respondents suggest might make them reach a decision**

When respondents replied that they would be uncertain about deciding whether to consent to donation as NoK, the following factors were identified as likely to allow them to reach a decision

<b>Statement</b>	<b>Number (n = 612)</b>	<b>%</b>
Speaking to the rest of my/ their family and friends	400	65%
Thinking about the type of person they were	282	46%
Knowing which of their organs would be donated	227	37%
Finding out more about where the organs would go	187	31%
Finding out more about what would happen to their body	160	26%
Thinking about the circumstances in which they'd died	138	23%
Thinking about their religion / religious views	115	19%
Don't know	59	10%
None of these	16	3%
Other	5	1%

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### Reasons for feeling unable to consent to another donating by situation.

Statement	Discussed wishes		Not discussed wishes		Discussed wishes		Not discussed wishes	
	On the ODR				Not on the ODR			
	n = 202		n = 706		n = 328		n = 1102	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
I wouldn't like to think about them being cut up	38	19%	82	12%	37	11%	110	10%
I don't want them to suffer after death	21	10%	59	8%	17	5%	53	5%
I worry what they would look like after donating their organs	13	6%	37	5%	8	3%	37	3%
They might have changed their mind after having spoken to me	31	15%	170	24%	67	21%		
I think organ donation is against my/ their culture	8	4%	10	2%	6	2%	26	2%
I think organ donation is against my/ their religion / faith	15	7%	27	4%	18	6%	45	4%
I worry what people in my community would say	2	1%	10	1%	3	1%	10	1%
I worry what people in my family would say	18	9%	45	6%	29	9%	70	6%
I worry that organ donation will delay the burial or cremation time	7	4%						
We've never spoken about it so I don't know what their wishes would be			185	26%	6	2%	413	38%
I wouldn't believe that they were on the register			29	4%				
I would want proof that they were on the register			192	27%				
I would want to know when they joined the register			131	19%				
I worry that organ donation will delay the burial or cremation time			40	6%	11	3%	35	3%
I don't have the right to make that decision for someone else			142	20%	71	22%	333	30%
I wouldn't want their organs to be donated to someone who doesn't deserve it			58	8%	8	2%	40	4%
I don't like the idea of their organs being in someone else's body			23	3%	12	4%	25	2%
I would feel as if I was giving up hope on them getting better			71	10%	25	8%	71	6%
If they had a strong opinion about organ donation they would have spoken to me about it			119	17%	51	16%	218	20%
If they had a strong opinion about organ donation they would have signed up to the register							218	20%
I might feel differently depending on who the person is			71	10%	31	10%	144	13%
I don't have the right to make that decision for someone else	37	18%						
I wouldn't want their organs to be donated to someone who doesn't deserve it	8	4%						
I couldn't make that decision by myself			153	22%	70	21%	295	27%
I wouldn't want to go against their wishes in case they didn't want to be an organ donor							381	35%
I don't like the idea of their organs being in	13	6%						

someone else's body								
I would feel as if I was giving up hope on them getting better	18	9%						
I might feel differently depending on who the person is	19	9%						
I couldn't make that decision by myself	31	16%						
I would worry that they didn't want to donate their organs			109	15%	53	16%		
I would feel guilty about agreeing	26	13%	69	10%	28	9%	129	12%
I worry that their organs wouldn't be used, even if I did agree	9	4%	47	7%	23	7%	38	3%
Their spirit might know if I'd agreed to it against their personal wishes			28	4%			48	4%
I worry that doctors wouldn't do their best to save the person's life	37	18%	94	13%	41	13%	117	11%
It's too much of a burden to ask in that situation	25	12%	70	10%	34	10%	134	12%
I don't like the idea of someone benefitting from my loss	5	2%	7	1%	6	2%	5	1%
Other	2	1%	12	2%	10	3%	10	1%
Don't know	77	38%	134	19%	97	30%	24	2%
Where there is no result, the statement concerned was not presented in that scenario								

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## Factors reported as preventing discussion of organ donation

Statements	Overall N = 757		Pro-donation but not discussed N = 273	
	n	%	n	%
It's never come up in conversation	333	44%	112	41%
I haven't got around to it yet	130	17%	53	20%
Donating organs is a personal choice so I don't need to talk to people about it	98	13%	37	13%
I didn't think that I needed to	100	13%	35	13%
I worry that it might upset people	90	12%	26	10%
I don't want to talk about death	159	21%	24	9%
It might divide opinion / cause an argument among my family / friends	68	9%	24	9%
I don't think other people would feel comfortable speaking about it	82	11%	18	7%
I think they would know how I felt about it without me telling them	40	5%	17	6%
I would worry that they might object to my opinion	47	6%	12	4%
I've never really thought about organ donation before	98	13%	9	3%
I feel like it would be tempting fate	35	5%	5	2%
I wouldn't feel comfortable speaking to anyone about it	77	10%	5	2%
Other, please write in	30	4%	7	3%
Don't know	50	7%	13	5%

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### Factors impairing registration on the ODR amongst those who are not registered but wished to become donors

Statement	Number (n=370)	%
I haven't got around to it yet	137	37%
I don't want to think about my death	68	18%
I might change my mind and I don't know if you can take your name off it	60	16%
I don't have enough information about the register to make a decision	57	15%
I don't need to do anything about it until I'm older	50	14%
I didn't know there was a register	47	13%
I would worry about being viewed as an organ donor rather than a patient	29	8%
I don't know how to put my name on the register	28	8%
I don't trust doctors to do their best to save my life if I am on the register	27	7%
I'm too old so my organs won't be of any use	27	7%
My family doesn't approve of organ donation	23	6%
I don't think I would qualify to be an organ donor	22	6%
I don't want to tempt fate by joining the register	21	6%
I don't see the point because my family already know my wishes	12	3%
I don't want my personal data to be stored on a register	11	3%
I have a donor card and I didn't know I needed to register as well	8	2%
I don't think my religion / faith would allow me to be an organ donor	6	2%
It's too much hassle to fill a form in	5	2%
I don't think my culture approves of organ donation	4	1%
Other	22	6%
Don't know	25	7%
I have put my name on the NHS Organ Donor Register [i.e. inconsistent answer to previous question]	3	1%