

ODT Medical Record Entry - Family Decline



Blood and Transplant

Guidance for use:

1. This INF should be used as a guide when documenting in the patient's medical record when a family object to / decline the option of donation and details the minimum information required.
2. Any additional information should be entered as significant events / communication occur
3. The medical record entry must be handwritten or entered electronically
4. Anything in **(RED)** indicates free text
5. Anything in **BOLD** indicates an option that needs to be chosen
6. Unnecessary abbreviations must not be used in the medical records as per the Nursing Midwifery Council (NMC) guidance on record keeping for Nurses and Midwives

Thank you for referring **(insert name of patient)** as a potential **organ and / or tissue** donor. I note the patient's medical history and the **cause of death / diagnosis** to be **(insert cause of death / diagnosis)**.

I have approached the patient's family and ascertained the decision regarding **organ and / or tissue** donation. During the conversations I asked the family if they had any further questions regarding **brain stem death testing / withdrawal of life sustaining treatment**.

(Insert family member's name) had the following / did not have any questions regarding the information they had been given **(insert details of any questions)**.

(Insert family member's name) did not wish to proceed with organ and / or tissue donation **(detail reason for decline)**.

I have thanked the family and asked them if they have any specific requests in relation to end of life care. **The family have requested** **(details of any religious requirements / keepsakes / follow up required)** / **do not have any specific requests**.

My next communication with the family will be **(insert details of agreed communication)**.

For any clarification or enquiries please contact:

(insert signature), (print name)
Specialist Nurse Organ Donation
(insert region) Organ Donation Services Team
Pager **(insert number)**