



# **Summary of Donor and Transplant Activity**

In the financial year to 31 March 2016, compared with the previous year

- there was a 6% increase in the number of deceased donors to 1,364, the highest number ever in the UK
- the number of donors after brain death increased by 2% to 785, while the number of donors after circulatory death increased by 14% to 579
- the number of living donors fell by 2% to 1,075, accounting for approximately half of the total number of organ donors
- the total number of patients whose lives were saved or improved by an organ transplant increased by 4% to 4,601
- 3,779 patients had their sight restored through a cornea transplant, representing a small increase of 1%

The total number of patients registered for a transplant has fallen slightly (by 4%), so that:

- there were 6,476 patients waiting for a transplant at the end of March 2016, with a further 3,452 temporarily suspended from transplant lists
- 466 patients died while on the active waiting list for their transplant and a further 881 were removed from the transplant list. The removals were mostly as a result of deteriorating health and ineligibility for transplant and many of these patients would have died shortly afterwards.

Some of the other key messages from this report are that, compared with last year, there has been:

- an increase of 5% in the total number of kidney transplants
- a fall of 6% in the number of pancreas transplants
- an increase of 3% in the total number of liver transplants
- an increase of 8% in the total number of heart transplants
- an increase of 1% in the total number of lung or heart/lung transplants
- an increase in the number of DCD heart donors to 21 compared to 1 in 2014/15
- an increase in the overall referral rate of potential donors from 80% to 86% and the proportion of approaches involving a Specialist Nurse - Organ donation from 78% to 83%
- an increase in the overall consent/authorisation rate for organ donation from 58% to 62%
- an increase in the number of opt-in registrations on the ODR, from 21.1 to 22.5 million at the end of March 2016. There were 177,204 opt-out registrants.