



Paediatric & Neonatal Organ Donation: Shared Challenges and Solutions

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**BACCN & IACCN's
1st Joint Annual
Conference**

17th & 18th October 2022, ICC Belfast

Overview of Paediatric and Neonatal Organ Donation (UK and Ireland)

Explore our challenges and how we are seeking to find shared solutions

Explore how we can work together

What do we do?


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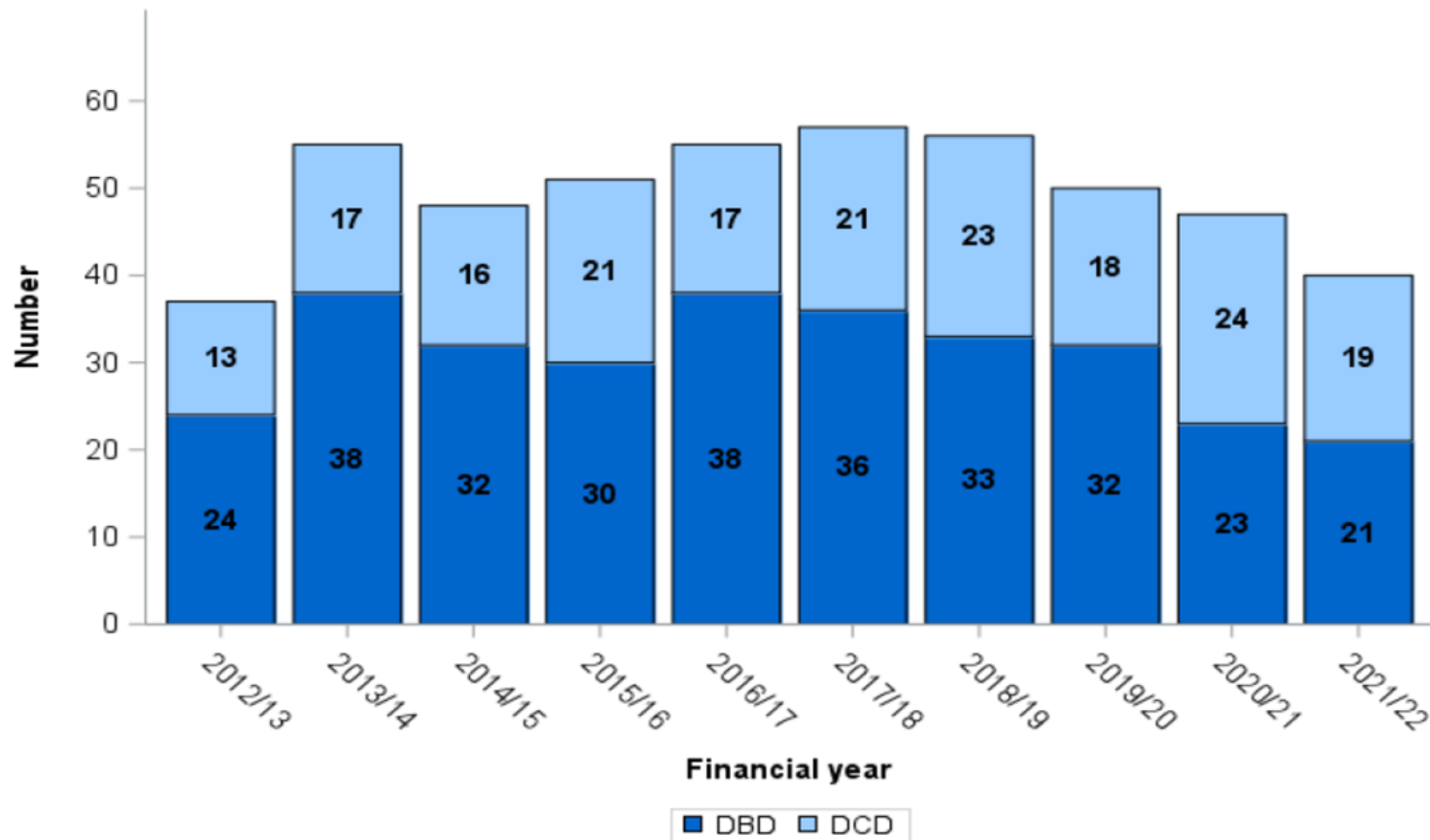
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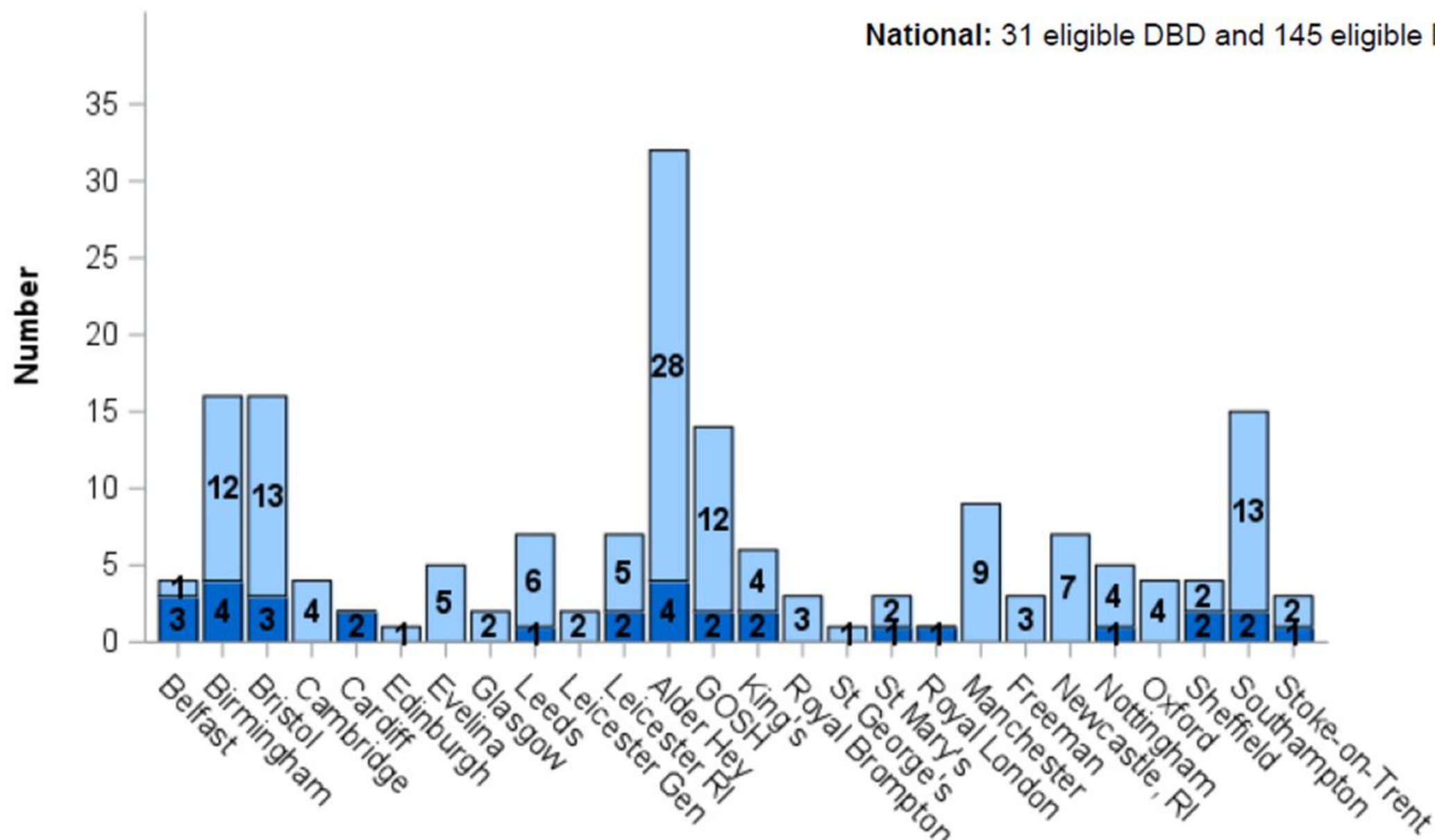
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Deceased paediatric donors (<18 years) by donor type, April 2012 – March 2022



Eligible donors by hospital, April 2021 – March 2022

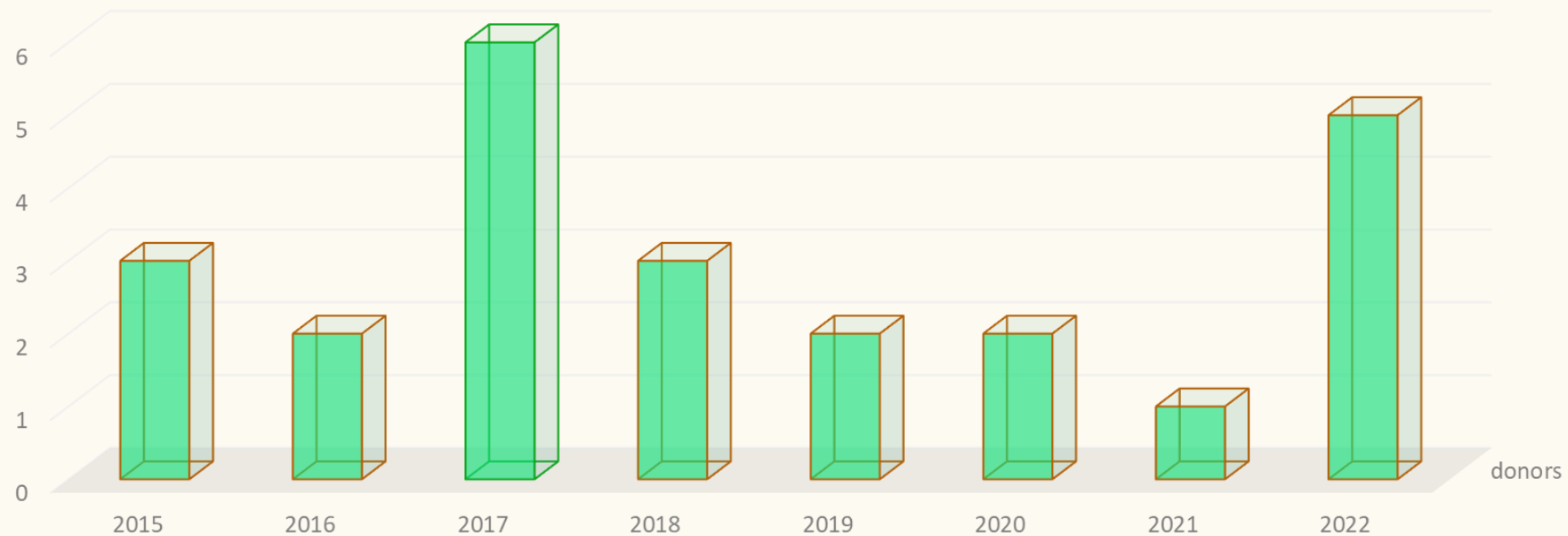
National: 31 eligible DBD and 145 eligible DCD donors



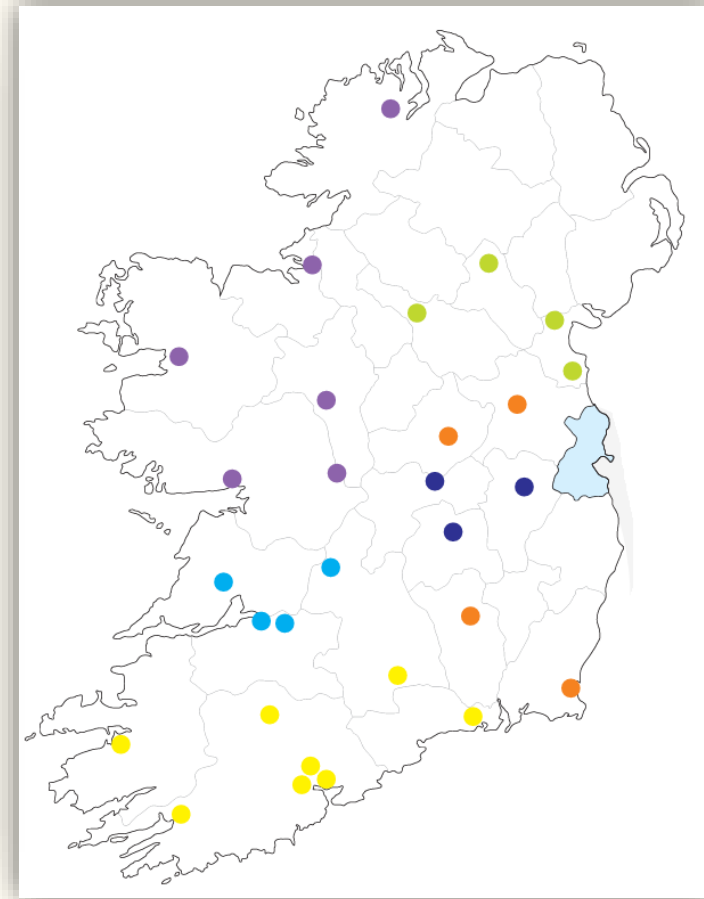
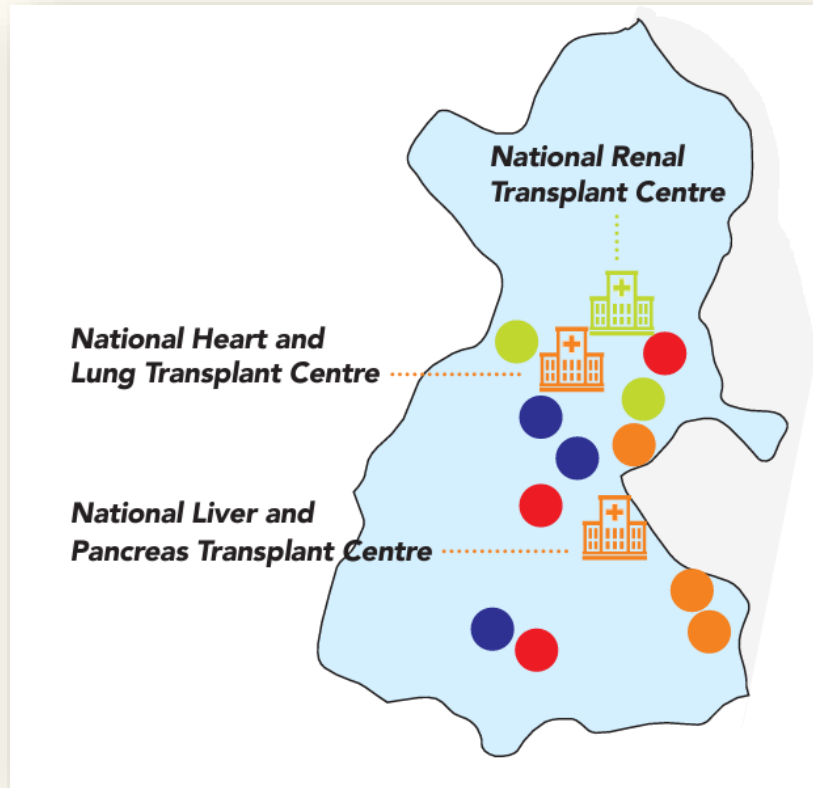
Paediatric Donors in Ireland 2015-22



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Donating Centres and Transplant Units: Ireland



- RCSI HOSPITAL GROUP**
- IRELAND EAST GROUP**
- UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK**
- SAOLTA HOSPITAL GROUP**
- DUBLIN MIDLANDS GROUP**
- SOUTH/SOUTHWEST GROUP**
- CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GROUP**



Organs: heart, lungs, kidneys,
pancreas, liver & bowel

Tissues: heart valves, eyes, skin

Challenges

- Identification of potential donors
- Specialist nurse support
- Trust
- Consent
- Making use of the organs



Opportunities

- Normal part of End-of-Life Care
- Embrace it
- Offering options
- Giving choices
- Something positive





Clinical Staff

- Child death
- Uncertainty about the process and what to say
- Mutual support
- Investigations and management
- Debriefing


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Specialist Nurses / Organ Donor Co-ordinators

Planning

Communication

Support for staff and families

Investigations

Co-ordination of the process

Follow up


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Working together

- Ensuring Organ and Tissue Donation is always considered as a normal part of EOLC
- Get to know your teams (on both sides)
- Share experience and knowledge
- Work together to ensure the family have the best possible EOLC experience for their child

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The Ministry of Health says that the two children were admitted to hospital in 2011 and 2012.



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**The UK Organ Donor
Referral Line launches**



03000 20 30 40

Please use this number for all organ donor referrals.



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