Reduction in the length of the Organ Donation Pathway
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Introduction
The length of the solid organ donation pathway has been increasing over the last few years from Donors after Brain Death (DBD) and Donors after Circulatory Death (DCD)

Method
Stakeholder meetings were undertaken with each organ donation team across the whole of the UK (12 in total) and questions posed to the specialist nurse workforce to assess what elements of the donation pathway could be influenced and for ideas to improve the service to donors, donor families and donating hospitals.

Discussion
We have also encouraged team working and Specialist Requestor / SNOD’s working together with trainee staff etc in daylight hours to expedite the pathway for all concerned

Aim
To improve and streamline the donation pathway for the donor, donor family, donating hospital, organ retrieval team, implanting centre and recipient. To improve transplant outcomes and increase organ utilisation

Results
A ‘Ten point Plan’ was devised following on from the stakeholder meetings with the priorities to streamline the process.
The workforce and all stakeholders are now very aware of the length of the process and make every effort to ensure the service is as streamlined as possible

References