

Our faith and beliefs commitment

We understand that donating organs and tissue in line with faith or beliefs is important to many people.

In recognition of this:

In the event of your imminent or confirmed death, our specialist nurses will inform your family about your decision to donate your organs and/or tissue in accordance with your faith, beliefs and practices. Our specialist nurses will discuss with your family how donation might proceed in line with your stated wishes, including sharing with your family details of relevant faith and belief statements and helplines. We will talk to your family about whether the organ donation and retrieval process might need to be adapted to respect your faith and beliefs.

Upon completion of the registration process, you will have the opportunity to share your donation registration with your family to ensure they are aware of your decision.

Your family is entitled to request advice and support from your religious authorities or pastoral carers at any stage of the organ or tissue donation discussions and process.

In the case of your imminent or confirmed death, we will consult with your family about your decision regarding donation. Our specialist nurses will support your family in contacting your religious authorities or pastoral carers if your family wish to consult with them. Your religious authorities or pastoral carers can speak to those involved in the donation process if your family so wishes.

If your family want your religious authorities or pastoral carers to be present with them during the discussions regarding organ or tissue donation or at any point of the donation process, including any investigations or procedures which will be performed on your body to support donation, and to receive any relevant information, the specialist nurses will liaise with hospital colleagues to seek support for this happening.

If requested, and where appropriate, we will provide information from the NHS Organ Donor Register to your family. These records will only be relevant to your donation decision, to support discussions about the donation process. This is because of patient confidentiality. The specialist nurses will help your family talk to hospital staff about the care you have received. Your family may use this information, if they wish, when they are discussing the potential to fulfill your donation decision with your religious authorities or pastoral carers.

Should your family (and religious authorities or pastoral carers, if present) be assured that your organs or tissue can be donated in a manner compliant with your faith, beliefs and practices, then donation can proceed. If your family has any concerns, our specialist nurses will support them to address these and agree the best approach.