



ORGAN • DONATION

have the conversation

Organ donation in Jersey is changing

From 1 July 2019, the way people in Jersey choose to donate their organs is changing.

There will be an assumption that adults consent to donating their organs after death ('deemed consent') unless they expressly say otherwise before their death.

The intention is to make it easier for deceased Islanders to donate their organs and potentially save more lives.

However, there is also a recognition that not everyone wants to donate their organs and they must have the opportunity to opt out if they wish.

We want to raise awareness of organ donation and encourage people to have the conversation with their families about donating while still fit and well, rather than leaving families to make that choice in the emotive aftermath of a serious accident or illness.

A few words now can make the difference later on. Have the conversation about organ donation with your family today, and make your wishes known about organ donation.

You can find out more by searching "organ donation" on **gov.je**

How do I opt out?

If you wish to opt out of the deemed consent arrangements, you need to contact NHS Blood and Transplant in the UK which maintains the single organ donation register for the UK and the Crown Dependencies (Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man).

It is the database that medical staff consult in the first instance to see if someone has registered their decision to be, or not to be, a donor during their lifetime.

You can register online at:

www.organdonation.nhs.uk

or call:

0300 123 2323

If you wish you can expressly consent to organ donation via the organ donation register. You can specify which organs you do or do not want to donate.

You can change your mind on these matters at any time, and amend the details of your registration accordingly.

If you are already on the NHS organ donor register then you do not need to make contact again.

You do not have to wait until 1 July 2019 to opt in or out. You can do it now.