

Reference Number: UHB 110	Date of Next Review: 18 th Apr 2020
Version Number: 3	Previous Trust/LHB Reference Number: N/A
Donation of Organs and Tissues after Death Policy	
Policy Statement	
<p>To ensure the Health Board delivers its aims, objectives, responsibilities and legal requirements transparently and consistently, we will ensure that organ and tissue donation is considered a usual part of end of life care, that all patients with the potential to donate organs or tissues are supported by appropriately trained medical and nursing staff, ensuring that both the patient and their families are able to make the decision regarding donation after death that is right for them and to ensure that if they wish to become an organ donor they are supported in doing so.</p>	
Policy Commitment	
<p>The Health Board is committed to ensuring that organ and tissue donation is considered a usual part of end of life care. All patients meeting criteria set out in the NICE guidelines are referred to specialist nurses for organ donation in order to assess their potential to donate and their recorded decision on the NHS Organ Donor Register. Family members are approached in line with the good practice set out in national guidelines.</p>	
Supporting Procedures and Written Control Documents	
<p>This Policy and supporting procedures describe the following with regard to donation of organs and tissues after death:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification and referral of potential organ donors • Best practice in approach to families of potential organ donors • Establishing consent to proceed with donation after death <p>Other supporting documents are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UHB Donation of Organs and Tissues After Death Procedure • National Institute Clinical Excellence (2011) Organ Donation for transplantation: improving donor identification and consent rates for deceased organ donation. • NHSBT Best practice guidelines: Approaching the families of potential organ donors • Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (2008) Code of Practice for the diagnosis and confirmation of death. • The Human Tissue Authority The Human Transplantation (Wales) Act 2013 • The Human Transplantation (Wales) Act Code of Practice 	
Scope	
<p>This policy applies to all of our staff in all locations including those with honorary contracts and covers deceased solid organ and tissue donation.</p>	

Equality and Health Impact Assessment	An Equality and Health Impact Assessment (EHIA) has been completed. The EHIA completed for the policy found there to be negative and positive impacts. The results of this assessment can be reviewed in the EHIA for the Donation of Organs and Tissues after Death Policy and Procedure together with an action plan which addressed the issues.
Policy Approved by	Quality Safety and Experience Committee
Group with authority to approve procedures written to explain how this policy will be implemented	Cardiff and Vale UHB Organ Donation Committee
Accountable Executive or Clinical Board Director	Medical Director

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Summary of reviews/amendments			
Version Number	Date Review Approved	Date Published	Summary of Amendments
1	17/04/2012	30/04/2012	New policy. The policy did not replace of the predecessor organisations.
2	16/12/2014	20/01/2015	Revisions to Policy:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some minor formatting changes • Minimal changes • Wording changes • Flow charts modified
3	18/04/2017	02/05/2017	Donation of Organs and Tissues after Death Policy Reference Number 110 is superseded by this document. The main amends reflect changes in Welsh Legislation surrounding consent for deceased donation to take place. The medical treatment and care of the patient by UHB nursing and medical staff remains unchanged. Furthermore the documents are presented as separate policy and procedures documents in line with the template provided by the UHB.