

# Challenges facing organ donation and transplantation

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# Update

- ❖ Event in Parliament in 2019: Lord Gadhia
- ❖ Well established charity
- ❖ Organ donation activities: London, Leicester, Leeds, Manchester, Dudley, Liverpool
- ❖ Partnership working with NHSBT
- ❖ Innovative projects: Diwali arts competition, Play, Music, Rangoli project
- ❖ New partnerships: Living Donation (Royal Free), Brent & Harrow, London City Hall, City Sikhs, Diwali & Paryushan Campaigns
- ❖ **JHOD's Vision: No one dies waiting for a transplant in the UK**



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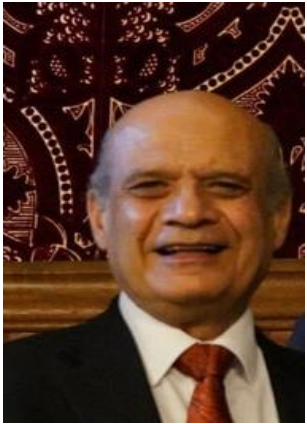


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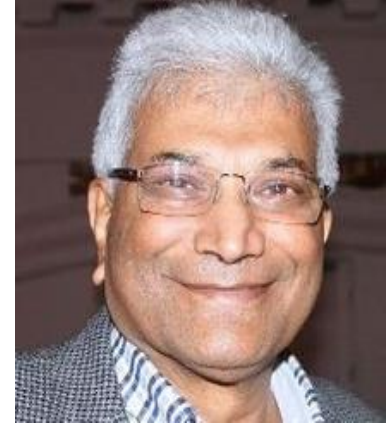
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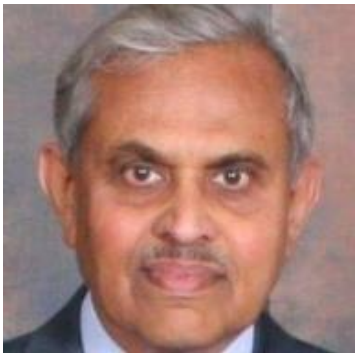
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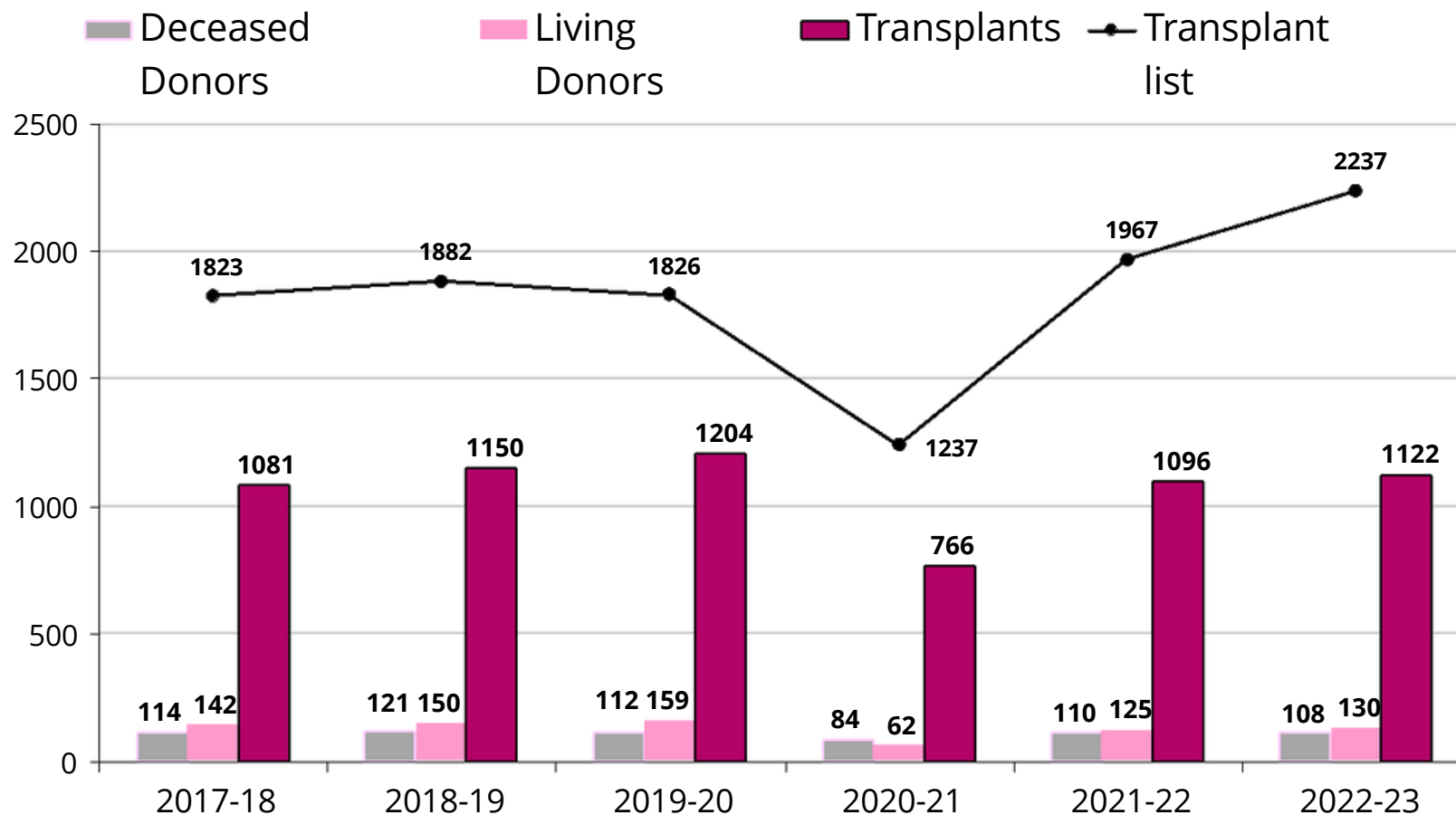
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# Impact of Covid



- ❖ Change in law implemented from 20 May 2020
- ❖ Middle of pandemic
- ❖ Number waiting for transplant: 5,699 - March 2020 | 6,959 - March 2023
- ❖ Consent rate down (68% 2019-2020, 62% 2022-2023)
- ❖ 1,130 families did not give consent to donate

# Ethnic minority donor, transplant and waiting list summary



## Over the last five year:

- ✓ 23% increase in waiting list
- ✓ 4% increase in transplants (all organs)
- ✓ 8% fall in Minority living donors
- ✓ 5% fall in deceased organ donors



# New approach



- ❖ Review message (confusing/cautious): importance of registration
- ❖ Develop targeted messages for different faith groups: JHOD
- ❖ Right message by the right messenger: increase funding through the community grants programme
- ❖ Organ utilisation report: Honouring the gift of donation: implementation plan
- ❖ Need for a clear call to action which should be included all campaigns

# Conclusion



- ❖ NHS to continue working in partnership with ethnic minority groups
- ❖ JHOD needs further support from community: extend outreach and funding
- ❖ Challenges can be met
- ❖ **Reinforce:** 'No one dies waiting for a transplant in the UK'





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