



## Organ Donation Summit Event – Summary

### Introduction

The Organ Donation Summit hosted by Assembly Member, Krupesh Hirani and held at City Hall in London, marked an important milestone in the efforts to increase organ donation rates and save more lives.

The Summit, organised by **Jain and Hindu Organ Donation Alliance (JHOD)**, **The National Black, Asian, Mixed Race, and Minority, Ethnic (BAME) Transplant Alliance (NBTA)** and **National Kidney Federation (NKF)** provided an opportunity to come together to reflect on the changes and how we can go forward with further improvements and raise further awareness about the importance of organ donation.

The change of law introduced in May 2020, involves an opt-out system which has resulted in a significant increase in the number of organ donors and transplants.

### Recommendations

Six recommendations have emerged from the Summit and are set out below.

#### 1. For the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

To urgently develop and publish the Implementation Plan for the “Honouring the gift of donation: utilising organs for transplant” report, given that its implementation must be cost neutral.

#### 2. For the Mayor of London

To mark Organ Donation week in September 2023 by using his communication channels to promote organ donation to Londoners.

#### 3. For Leaders of London Councils

To promote organ donation within the boroughs during Organ Donation Week in September 2023 and to consider the approach taken by Brent and Harrow Councils.

#### 4. For NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT)

To work in partnership with the NKF, NBTA, JHOD and the London Specialist Nurses Team to produce a Guidance Pack to support London boroughs in promoting organ donation locally during Organ Donation Week in September 2023.

## **5. For NHSBT**

To consider the findings of the impact of the change in law to opt out in England presented at the Summit and to implement recommendations of the final report due in Autumn 2023 from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

## **6. For NKF, NBTA and JHOD**

To highlight the outcomes from the Summit and to encourage Kidney Patients Associations, Organ Donation Committees, the London Kidney Network and ethnic minority community groups in London to take on leadership roles to increase awareness about organ donation and help reduce inequality of provision.

### **The Jain and Hindu Organ Donation Alliance (JHOD)**

Before its charitable registration, the Alliance was known as the Jain and Hindu Organ Donation Steering Group which was established following a meeting in Parliament organised by Lord Jitesh Gadhia and Kirit Modi in July 2019. The Alliance has established a national reputation for leading on organ donation in communities and is regularly approached by NHS Blood & Transplant and others to work with them. The work is now extending to promote blood and stem cell donation to help those in need of these as well. To find out more visit <https://jhod.org.uk/>

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### **The National Kidney Federation**

The National Kidney Federation is a national charity that provides support and information to patients, families, and healthcare professionals affected by kidney disease. Our aim is to improve the quality of life and support for kidney patients and their families and raise awareness about kidney disease. Our patient support services include a free to call Helpline, an array of patient information leaflets, and home dialysis peer support. We also work closely with healthcare professionals and lobby to government to improve kidney care for over 68,000 kidney patients suffering end-stage renal failure, and the estimated 3.5 million people identified as having chronic kidney disease (CKD) in the UK. To find out more visit [www.kidney.org.uk](http://www.kidney.org.uk) or call 01909 544999.

### **The National Black, Asian, Mixed Race, and Minority, Ethnic (BAME) Transplant Alliance (NBTA)**

The National Black, Asian, Mixed Race, and Minority Ethnic (BAME) Transplant Alliance (NBTA) is a coalition of organisations which seeks to promote awareness of organ, blood and stem cell donation amongst BAME people and to increase the number of donors from these communities. We aim to promote effective and efficient partnership working between members, encouraging a coordination of initiatives that make the most of skills, experience and infrastructure already available. To find out more visit [www.nbta-uk.org.uk/](http://www.nbta-uk.org.uk/)