

# Tissue donation referral guide

Tissues which can be donated	Heart valves	Corneas	Neurological tissue (for research)	Ovarian and testicular tissue (for research)
<b>Age limit for donors</b>	Up to 70 years	3 - 80 years	Up to 75 years	From birth
<b>Retrieval time limit after death</b>	48 hours	30 hours	48 hours	48 hours
<b>Summary of main exclusions</b>	Sepsis, Cancer, Parkinson's, Dementia, History of high risk behaviour	Eye disease, Leukaemia, Lymphoma, Dementia, History of high risk behaviour	Brain injury, Stroke, Sepsis, multi organ failure, alcoholism	N/A
<b>Benefits</b>	Saves the lives of children born with severely deformed hearts Saves or improves the lives of adults with diseased or infected valves	Restore sight in patients with diseased or opaque corneas Scleral tissue is used for reconstructive surgery	For research into neurological diseases including Parkinson's, motor neurone disease and autism	For development of fertility preservation protocol for patients who have cytotoxic chemo- or radiotherapy