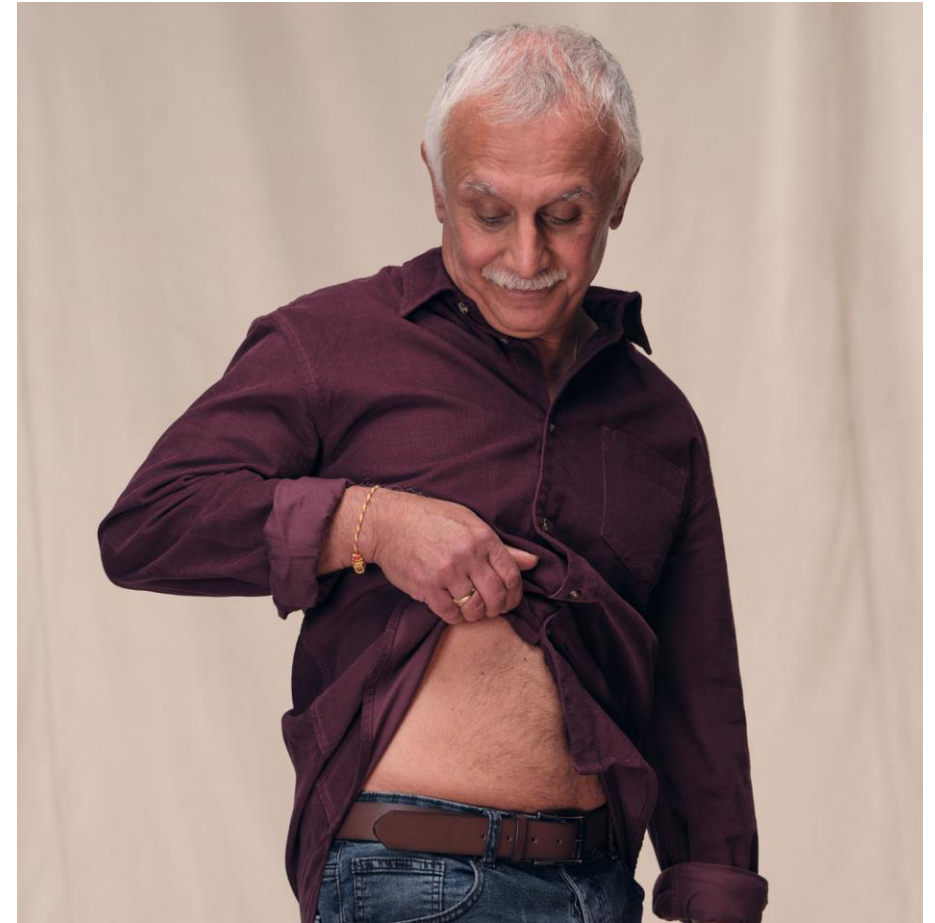


Robert Dangoor Partnership

For Living Kidney Donation



DELIVERED IN PARTNERSHIP BY KIDNEY RESEARCH UK AND GIVE A KIDNEY



ABOUT THE PARTNERSHIP

Together, our aim is to raise awareness of living kidney donation and help more people understand what it means to be a living donor, as well as supporting and guiding them through their donation journey.

In the UK, almost 7,000 people are on the waiting list for a kidney transplant. Despite ongoing work to encourage donation, around six people die every week in need of a kidney. We want to shorten the waiting list, save lives and improve the wellbeing of people waiting for this life-changing opportunity.

Donating a kidney is an incredible, potentially life-saving thing to do. A living donation is the best current treatment option for most people who need a transplant

- **Most of us are born with two kidneys, but we only need one.**
- **Almost 7,000 people are currently on the NHS waiting list for a kidney transplant.**
- **Six people die every week waiting for a kidney.**

We are working collaboratively with NHS Blood and Transplant as well as a full panel of specialist clinical and surgical advisors.

ABOUT OUR FOUNDER



David Dangoor CBE is a British businessman and philanthropist, and the founder of the Robert Dangoor Partnership for Living Kidney Donation.

In 2019 David donated a kidney to his brother Robert, whose kidneys had been damaged by medication for another illness. Sadly, Robert died in 2022 but David and his family remain committed to honouring his legacy and helping others benefit from living kidney donation.

Discussing the project, David Dangoor said:

“The growing rate of kidney disease here in the UK and across the world means that every day, lives are lost to this awful condition.

“Having donated a kidney to my brother, I know first-hand that it is perfectly possible to do this and to carry on living a normal life.

“Through this partnership, I hope that more people can learn about the possibilities of living donation and may be inspired to take that step and change the life of someone living with kidney disease. Our ultimate vision is that no one should die waiting for a kidney.”

ABOUT OUR PATRON



Lord Ara Darzi, the former health minister, independent peer, and surgeon who recently led an independent investigation into the performance of the NHS, has become the Patron of the

Discussing the Partnership, Lord Darzi said:

“I, like anyone who has worked in the NHS, know that the system is currently under immense pressure. The incredible act of donating a kidney helps to significantly improve the lives of people with debilitating kidney disease, while also helping to ease the burden of kidney disease being felt by the NHS.

“As Patron, I am looking forward to helping the partnership raise greater awareness of living kidney donation and promote the support they can offer anyone who is considering if they could donate.”

THE MAKE YOUR MARK CAMPAIGN

In January 2024, we launched the Make your Mark campaign to further raise awareness of living kidney donation, highlighting the life-changing impact that donations have on recipients and their lives and sharing the experiences of previous donors and healthcare professionals.

The Make Your Mark campaign is a celebration of people and extraordinary acts of kindness. It's about the people who have already made the decision to step forward and the people who could be inspired to see if it's inside them to save a life.

We want to raise awareness of the gift of living kidney donation by telling stories, sharing facts and piquing people's interest in this remarkable act.



THE MAKE YOUR MARK CAMPAIGN

In May 2024, we launched a new short film featuring living kidney donors highlighting the difference that living donation can make for transplant recipients, alongside showcasing some of the motivations and experiences of people who have already made the decision to donate.



https://youtu.be/qd0Pbvs_0w

In January 2025 we took over a shopfront in the Bluewater Shopping Centre, Kent. Donors stood in the windowfront alongside six mannequins, representing the six people who die each week in the UK waiting for a kidney. The figures were lifting up their t-shirts to reveal the question “is it in you to save a life?”.



<https://youtu.be/RsTOOYaUgbw>

MAKE YOUR MARK COVERAGE

We have featured in national and regional press coverage across the country



Andrew Cole urges people to consider live kidney donation

8th May

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Andrew Cole is urging people to consider live kidney donation (Image: Make Your Mark)



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Daughter gives mum her kidney as birthday gift



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Horsham woman saves husband's life
- as well as life of a stranger

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By Ldn-Post · September 25, 2024 · 0

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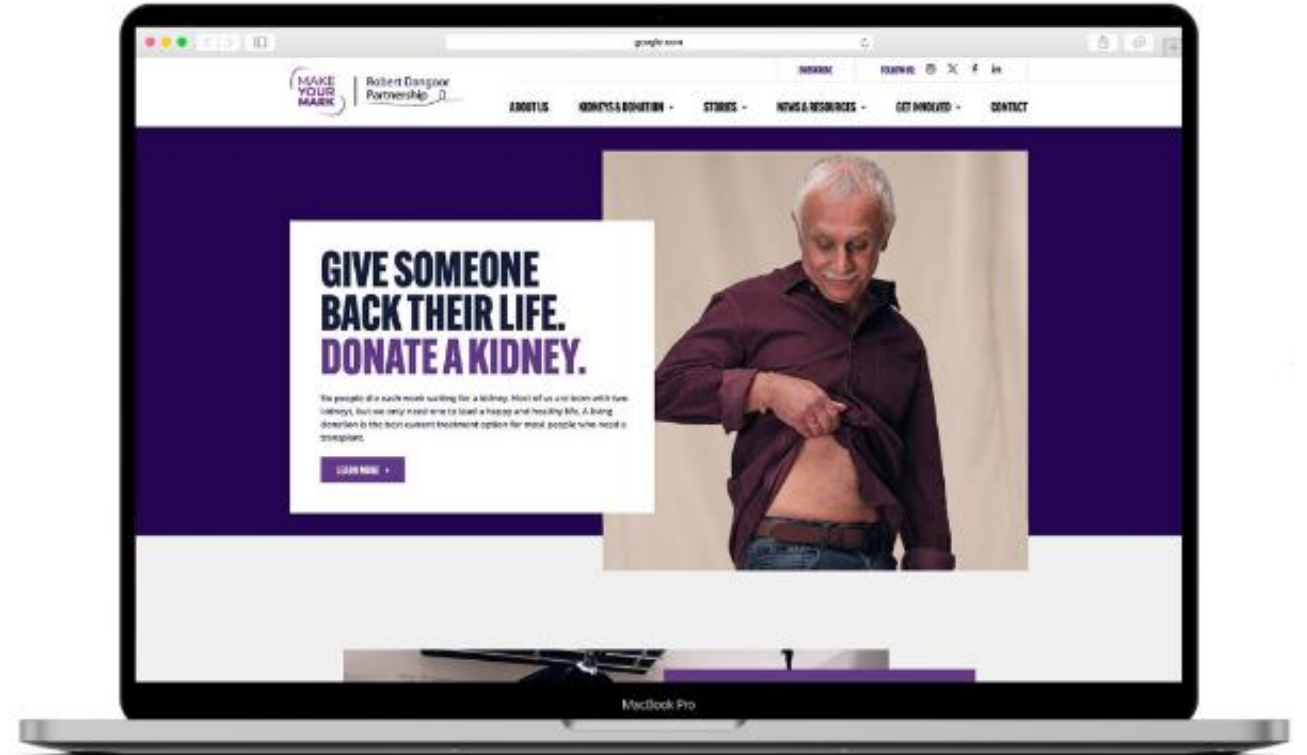
OUR WEBSITE AND SUPPORT

In January 2024, we have launched a new website to help more people understand what it means to be a living donor, as well as supporting and guiding them through their donation journey.

The website includes:

- Content about living kidney donation
- Support for friends and family
- A checklist for prospective donors to track their journey before meeting with their transplant unit
- Real stories to help raise awareness
- Access to the UK Living Kidney Donation Buddy Support Service
- News and resources
- Information on how to get involved

Contact us and to speak to the
Relationship Manager



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UK LIVING KIDNEY DONATION BUDDY SUPPORT SERVICE

The service is provided through an online platform where people can set up a profile and manage their own appointments.

People can select a buddy of their choice based on age, location, ethnicity, gender and religious beliefs.

Once the appointment is confirmed, the session will take place using Zoom.

Living Donor Coordinator *"I spoke to one of our donors at Salford today, who has been in contact with a buddy, and she said it was an invaluable service, of which she is very grateful".*



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SPEAK TO A KIDNEY DONATION BUDDY

- Are you considering living kidney donation?
- Would you like to speak with someone who has experienced the kidney donation process?

How it works:

- Manage your own appointments
- Select a buddy of your choice
- Have a 40-minute chat via video call
- Repeat bookings available
- This is a free and confidential service

Find out more



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Kieran, a buddy of the service says
"Being a buddy allows me to share
my real, unbiased, first-hand
experiences of kidney donation to
other potential donors."

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UK LIVING KIDNEY DONATION

BUDDY SUPPORT SERVICE

- 85 buddies trained and onboarded
- Thorough onboarding process including:
 - ***Application form***
 - ***Personal reference***
 - ***NHS verification with Living Kidney Donor Coordinator***
 - ***Interview***
 - ***Basic DBS check (agenda screening)***
 - ***Training***
 - ***Volunteer agreement***
 - ***Volunteer handbook***

Volunteer Management

- Buddies & A Brew
- Monthly newsletter
- One to one support
- Debrief forms

“My buddy was perfect, he was friendly he actively listened and offered great advice. I will be booking another appointment in the near future. Honestly the service is amazing and it was just nice to talk to someone who has been through the same”

Daniel, a user of the UK Living Kidney Donation Buddy Support Service and recent living kidney donor

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“It was lovely to chat with someone who shares similar traits to me.”

a user of the UK Living Kidney Donation Buddy Support Service

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“The chance to speak to someone who has been through their own donation journey was invaluable. I feel more at ease and confident with my own living kidney donation journey”.

- Richard, a user of the UK Living Kidney Donation Buddy Support Service

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“I just think it’s an amazing service, giving insight into personal experiences.”

a user of the UK Living Kidney Donation Buddy Support Service

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“I find this service a really great idea. Most importantly for me, it's knowing someone is there to talk to who has gone through the same experience.”

- Jamie, a user of the UK Living Kidney Donation Buddy Support Service

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**THE UK LIVING KIDNEY
DONATION BUDDY
SUPPORT SERVICE**

<https://youtu.be/T2412HBiigM>

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

- We hosted a Celebration of Living Kidney Donation Event. The evening was an opportunity for living kidney donors, recipients, and supporters to meet with one another, share their stories, and celebrate the gift of kidney donation.
- We meet with the Living Donor Coordinators regularly and many units refer people to our service. Our leaflets have been sent to some Transplant and Referral Units across the UK.
- Medical content on our website has been reviewed by a panel of healthcare professionals to make sure everything is factually correct at the time of writing.
- We meet with NHS BT Marketing and Communications Team to provide updates and to support one another's activity.
- We attended The British Transplant Games, BTS Annual Congress, NHS BT Living Donor Coordinator Network Meeting, NHS BT Community Grants Network Meeting, NHS BT Key stakeholder Meeting and Kidney Research UK London Bridges event.



CONTACT US **AND** GET INVOLVED

If you would like to find out more information about the partnership and discuss how you can get involved, please contact us – we would love to hear from you and work together on raising awareness of living kidney donation.

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