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**Sarah Champion
Member of Parliament for Rotherham
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Sarah Champion MP supports Transplant 2013

With today's news that over 18,000 people in the Rotherham area are currently waiting for a transplant, Sarah has shown her support by registering as an organ donor.

Having been contacted recently by nine-year-old Luis Mitchell-Goncalves, who successfully underwent a kidney transplant, he implored all Members of Parliament to be registered as donors. Sarah was very keen to set an example and registered to be a donor in order to encourage other people to do likewise in order to help as many sick people as possible undergo the transplant they desperately need.

Founded in 2009, Transplant 2013 is a coalition of patient groups, clinical organisations, and industry which was originally established to support the implementation of the Organ Donation Taskforce's recommendations.

The majority of those recommendations have now been undertaken and the latest figures show that there has been a 47% increase in the number of deceased donors, however, the really shocking news is that there has been no overall improvement in the rate of consent given for people to donate their organs. It is firmly believed that increased rates of consent could have a significant impact on the number of organ transplants taking place.

Sarah supports Transplant 2013 because: *"Having run a children's hospice and seeing people die because donors could not be found, I want to make sure this doesn't happen to others."*

Sarah registered to be a donor online at organdonation.nhs.uk. Alternatively, you can call 0300 123 23 23, or text SAVE to 62323.

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Notes to Editors:

- 1. For further information on Transplant 2013, click on <http://www.transplant2013.org.uk>**