

# YOUNG DONOR PROJECT REPORT



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of people with  
blood cancer

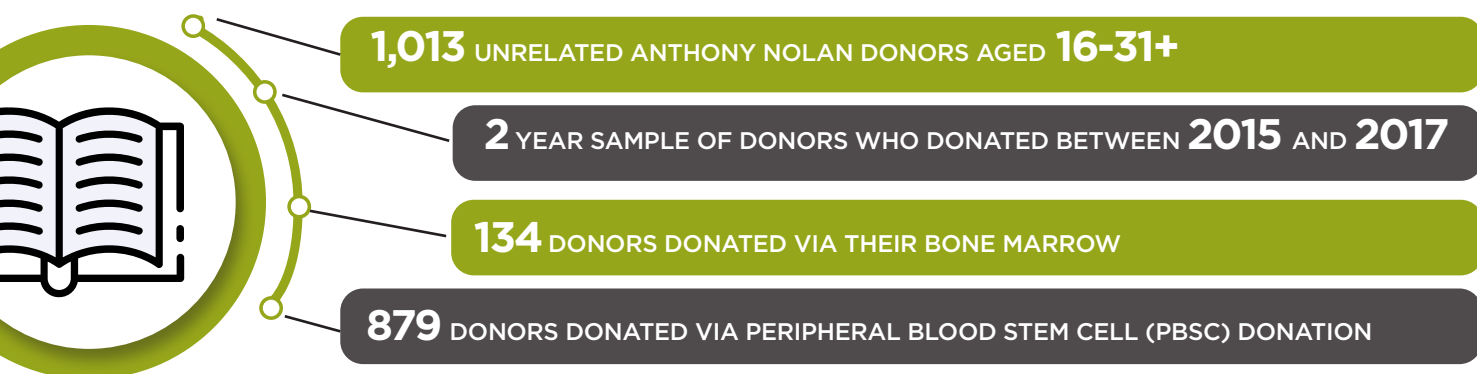
In 2012, we became the first stem cell register in the world to change our joining policy to include people aged 16 and 17. This was because:

- There was increasing availability of safety data for younger, related donors.
- Research showed that younger donors were associated with improved patient survival.
- This means that donor age is an important factor for transplant centres when selecting a donor, which means that younger donors are in higher demand.

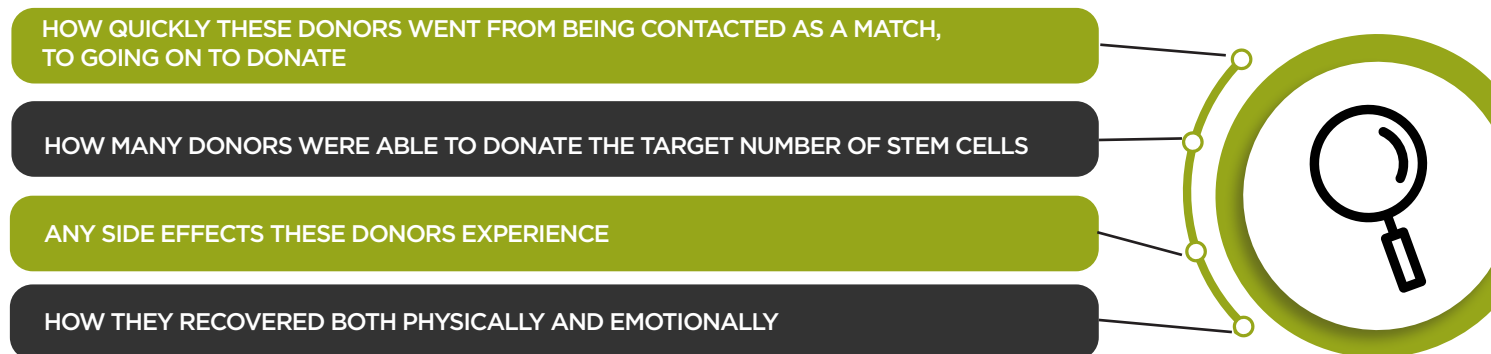
After eight years of these donors helping to save lives, we wanted to make sure donors from younger age groups were equally able to handle the physical and mental demands of the donation process as their older counterparts.

## HOW DID WE DO THIS?

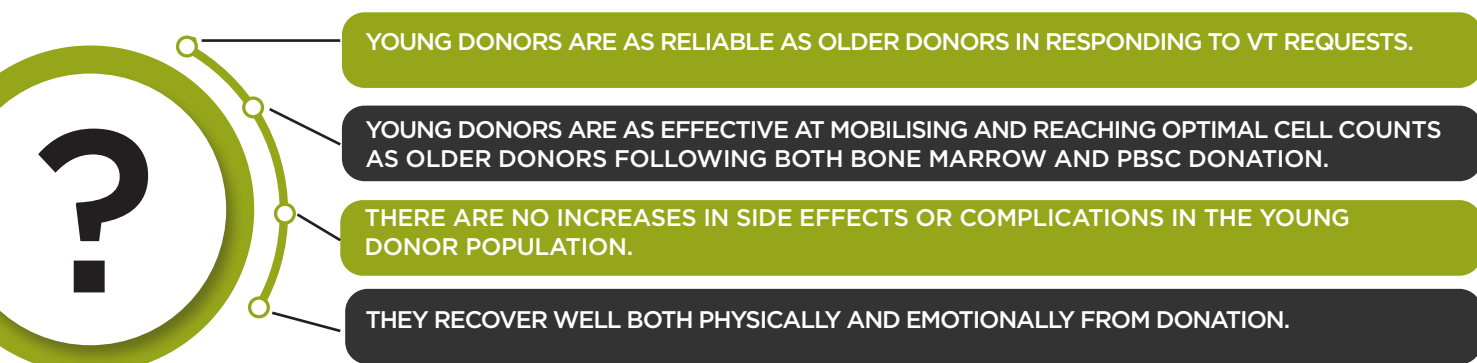
This was a retrospective study looking at:



Through a combination of follow-up questionnaires and clinical data stored in our database, we looked into:



## WHAT DID WE FIND OUT?



## CONCLUSION

This study supports our ongoing work to encourage more young people to join the stem cell register from age 16 onwards, especially our work in schools and colleges. Our continued focus on this age group will aim to give us a better understanding of their motivations to donate and make sure we continue to provide the best possible donors for patients in need of a stem cell transplant.