

Taking the clinic into the garden

Raising awareness of the Organ donor register



Exhibitor category	Back to Back garden
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<i>Special note</i>	<i>Holly Shaw, 29, who is on the kidney transplant waiting list will be attending press day.</i> <i>Throughout the show donor families and transplantees will also be attending.</i>

After more than twenty years in the NHS as a Registered Nurse specialising in kidney transplantation I decided to pursue a career in horticulture. Over a four-year period of study and practise, I transitioned from full-time nurse to full-time garden designer.

Why

Since my first visit to RHS Chelsea I have wanted to create my own show garden. Inspired by the setting of Tatton Park and motivated by the timing of the show just prior to the 2016 British Transplant Games in Liverpool, I submitted my first show garden design on January 6th 2016.

I am dedicating the garden to promote the **Organ Donor Register** (ODR). It specifically recognises those renal patients and their families I have worked with in my former life as a specialist nurse. And it lends support to the 900 organ recipients taking part in this year's **British Transplant Games** who thank their donors and encourage the nation to sign-up to the donor register and discuss their donation wishes with their loved ones.

www.organdonation.nhs.uk www.britishtransplantgames.co.uk

Inspiration

My garden was inspired by my understanding of the positive impact of organ donation on the recipient and their families and the individual journeys that these patients go on. During my years as a nurse at the Royal Berkshire hospital I would often envisage pockets of space within the hospital grounds being developed into beautiful gardens.

What

Called The Waiting List, my garden for the Back-to-Back category @ RHS Tatton is an illustration of soft matrix planting, highlighted with colour through the seasons. The garden design is a simple setting to provide a comforting outdoor space within the grounds of a hospital. The "room" is an alternative place to talk for the patient and the nurse preparing for a transplant and the ongoing care that follows. A space of beautiful plants, flowing water, a special seat and an inspirational statue just a few steps away from the normal clinic setting provides a calm and uplifting experience.

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TATTON PARK

