

Simon's story – video transcript

2013, my fiancée Kathrin passed away suddenly due to a massive brain haemorrhage, what's known as a subarachnoid haemorrhage. It was at that time that the neurological unit who I was dealing with realised she was a perfect candidate for organ donation and they asked whether she would be okay with that, or she would have been okay with that. I wasn't 100% sure, it was not really a subject we'd discussed but she had mentioned something about it. So I contacted her brother who I'd been speaking to, and he confirmed that yes, she was definitely.

Several hours later the organ donor co-ordinators, Maree Hulton and Lauren Sprenger turned up and there was a very easy process that we went through. I was just all over the place in terms of still traumatised and in shock, and I was just running on adrenalin. But they know this and it was very easy to work with them and work through all the paperwork.

Well I guess that she would be happy too, to know that her life hadn't been a waste and that her death wasn't in vain and that something good came out of it. It's the only good thing in that sort of situation, I think, to know that other people have got a chance at life. So, it was good.