

# SCIENCE NEWS IN NUMBERS

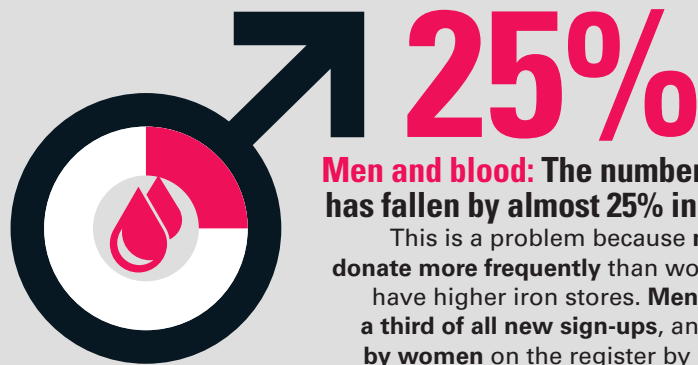


## 800 LIVES

a year could be saved by closing local stroke wards. A model was trialled in London and Manchester that now saves around 170 lives a year.

Local stroke wards were closed and ambulances took victims to larger centres with access to brain scans and specialist drugs and procedures.

The NHS National Medical Director wants to introduce the model in English towns and cities, aiming to save more than 800 lives a year.



**Men and blood:** The number of men giving blood has fallen by almost 25% in the last five years.

This is a problem because men are allowed to donate more frequently than women, as they typically have higher iron stores. Men now make up just a third of all new sign-ups, and are outnumbered by women on the register by more than 100,000.

**Food allergies:** an issue that is on the increase

## 4,500

hospital admissions a year are due to food allergies.



## 8%

of children are affected by food allergies or intolerances.

## 10

food allergy deaths per year.

## 1 in 4

surveyed said they or a relative had a reaction eating out.

## 170%



**Referrals** through the NHS Urgent Medicines Supply Advanced Service increased by 170% from 2018 to 2019, leading to a sharp increase in requests for antibiotics. Emergency antibiotics supplied to patients by community pharmacies without a prescription almost doubled, from 957 to 1,797.

## 12 DEATHS

**Twelve people** died during an outbreak of a rare contagious bacterial strain, it has been revealed.

A total of 32 people across Essex were infected with the invasive Group A streptococcal infection. The outbreak began in Braintree and cases have been found around Chelmsford and Maldon.

