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Q1: The overarching purpose of my proposal is to move from the current opt-in system to a soft opt-out system of organ donation. Do you support this move? Please indicate "yes/no/undecided" and explain the reasons for your response.

Yes,

Please give your reasons for your response:
If I had a relative slowly dying for want of a tucked box.... Come to think of it, I did. My nephew had an autoimmune kidney disease that rotted his kidneys and he was in eligible for a live donation until the disease had burned itself out. I saw him waste away to a sick grey itching semi cadaver incapable of enjoying daily life - even eating and drinking which were tightly controlled and joy less. He was spending half his life in hospital dialysing, and getting painful ops to put in and take out shunts in his arms and neck which failed or got infected. He got a cadaver donation on Mother's Day 2 years ago and now represents England, cycling, at the World Transplant Games. He is 34 and calls himself two years reborn, and celebrates that rebirth. POWER TO YOUR ELBOW ANNE, DO THIS!

Q2: How essential is it to change the law (from an opt-in to a soft opt-out system) in order to achieve the intended benefits (increased transplant rates, reduced waiting lists)? Are there other (non-legislative) measures that could achieve similar outcomes without the need for legislation?

Please, just do it.

Q3: I believe the role of the family should be limited to being consulted on whether they are aware of any (unregistered) objection by the deceased rather than asking for their consent. Do you agree? Please indicate "yes/no/undecided" and explain the reasons for your response.

Undecided,

Please give reasons for your response:
Without personal experience of this difficult choice, I wonder if it would be better not to give them any consultation, since it delays things and is probably very upsetting- I think it may be natural to hold onto as much of your loved one intact, and not be hurried if you wanted to say Goodbye- futile and time-wasting?

Q4: Do you think an individual should be able to appoint a proxy to the make the final decision regarding transplantation on their behalf? Please indicate "yes/no/undecided" and explain the reasons for your response.

Yes,

Please give reasons for your response:
I assume you mean the donor. Anything that facilitates, increases number of organs available is OK by me

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Q5: My proposal is that only adults should be automatically opted-in to be a donor. Younger persons would have to register to be a donor, by themselves or with parental consent as they currently do. This approach is I believe the best way to safeguard children and young people. Do you agree? Please indicate "yes/no/undecided" and explain the reasons for your response.

Yes,

Please give reasons for your response:
As said- safeguard. I also assume that we do not have gangs kidnapping children or homeless for their organs in this country but it's a thought.

Q6: Do you agree the age limit for an adult should be set at 16 years old? Please indicate "yes/no/undecided" and explain the reasons for your response.

Yes,

If you answered no, what would you consider a more appropriate age?
In line with most other decisions that sixteen year olds are allowed to make

Q7: Do you agree the soft opt-out system should apply to people who have been resident in Scotland for a minimum period of 1 year prior to their death? Please indicate "yes/no/undecided" and explain the reasons for your response.

Yes,

Please give reasons for your response:
We don't want to be plundering dead foreign tourists. This law is for Scots who opt to live in our country, abiding by OUR laws

Q8: If you answered no to the above how long, if any, should this period of residency last before they become subject to the soft opt-out system? Would this residency need to be for a continuous period?

Respondent skipped this question

Q9: Do you think 6 months is a long enough period to run a campaign prior to change over?

It depends - you could be losing significant responses if it includes the summer holiday period- or possibly the reverse us true. I would favour some research into
Previous consultation periods that could legitimately be compared. Employ some statisticians

Q10: What is your assessment of the likely financial implications (if any) of the proposed Bill to you or your organisation? What (if any) other significant financial implications are likely to arise?

None applicable

Q11: Is the proposed Bill likely to have any substantial positive or negative implications for equality? If it is likely to have a substantial negative implication, how might this be minimised or avoided?

Only possible thing I can think of is homeless, illiterate, immigrants with poor English- the publicity needs thinking through

Q12: Do you have any other comments on or suggestions relevant to the proposal?

Go for it!

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Q13: If you wish your response, or any part of it, to be treated as anonymous or confidential, please check the appropriate box and state the reason for this. If not, then please go to question 14. If I accept the reasons, I will publish it as "anonymous response" or only publish the non-confidential parts of the response. If I do not accept the reasons, I will let you know and give you the option of withdrawing it or submitting it on the normal attributable basis.

Respondent skipped this question

Q14: Thank you for completing this survey. Please provide your name and contact details below.

Respondent skipped this question