


Proposed Organ and Tissue Donation (Scotland) Bill

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<p>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.</p>	<p>Yes,</p> <p>Please give your reasons for your response: Many potential donors are currently missed simply because they have not completed the relevant forms, even if they would have no issue donating organs.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>The current system needs to be amended. More advertising and school visits would increase awareness currently.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Yes,</p> <p>Please give reasons for your response: Families cannot always make decisions when emotions are involved, regardless of the deceased's wishes.</p>
<p>Q4: Do you think an individual should be able to appoint a proxy to make the final decision regarding transplantation on their behalf? Please indicate "yes/no/undecided" and explain the reasons for your response.</p>	<p>Yes,</p> <p>Please give reasons for your response: Some people may not be able to make an informed decision directly prior to their death.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Yes,</p> <p>Please give reasons for your response: Adults can take more personal responsibility for making informed choices.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Yes,</p> <p>Please give reasons for your response: People need sufficient time to be made aware of Scottish laws and make an informed decision.</p>

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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?

Yes

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?

Legal disputes

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?

Not if monitored and regulated efficiently.

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

Respondent skipped this question

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Q13: If you wish your response, or any part of it, to be treated as anonymous and/or confidential, please check the appropriate box. If not, then please go to question 14.

Respondent skipped this question

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

Name

Company

Address

Address 2

City/Town

State/Province

ZIP/Postal Code

Country

Email Address

