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### Proposed Organ and Tissue Donation (Scotland) Bill

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**1. 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  
 No  
 Undecided

Please give your reasons for your response:

There is a huge benefit to the recipients. Current level of organ donation too low to meet demands. Even if people agree with organ donation many don't take the steps to register.

**2. 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?**

I think its a necessary change  
Encourage family discussion of the issue

**3. 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.**

- Yes  
 No  
 Undecided

Please give reasons for your response:

Ultimately the deceased's wishes to donate their organs should be followed but it would be cruel to ignore a family's strong objection

**4. 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.**

- Yes  
 No  
 Undecided

Please give reasons for your response:

You can give power of attorney for medical decisions so this seems obvious

**5. 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  
 No  
 Undecided

Please give reasons for your response:

6. 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  
 No  
 Undecided

If you answered no, what would you consider a more appropriate age?

7. 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  
 No  
 Undecided

Please give reasons for your response:

*But only UK nationals. People from other countries may have wildly different opinions on organ donation*

8. 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?

*1 year, yes*

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

*Yes*

10. 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?

*NHS may save money by reducing care of chronically ill*

**11. 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?**

I see no impact

**12. Do you have any other comments on or suggestions relevant to the proposal?**

No

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#### Contact Details

**13. Thank you for completing this survey. For the purposes of the consultation, it would be helpful if you could provide your contact details. If you wish to remain anonymous, you are not obliged to complete this part of the survey.**

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