

Proposed Organ and Tissue Donation (Scotland) Bill

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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:
Wholeheartedly, this is a long over due change that is needed to stop people dying unnecessarily through lack of organ donors

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?

People fail to sign up to the current system and also fail to have any discussion with members of their family to discuss what their wishes are. I personally have said since I was a child that I wish to donate organs in the event of my death but I am one of few people who have this discussion

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.

Yes,

Please give reasons for your response:
If the organ transplant discussion has not taken place should this system be introduced, it should automatically allow doctors to take organs which are required if no suitable objection is given.

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.

No,

Please give reasons for your response:
Each individual can make up their own mind prior to death and should have a discussion regarding it, I would image that there will be a massive press coverage of this should it be introduced in the future, it then gives people the opportunity to opt out should that not wish to take part.

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:
I agree in part, but I also suggest that should a child over a certain age express a wish then they do not require parental consent, e.g. 12 years old

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

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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

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?

N/A

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?

N/A

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

I think that this Bill is a long time coming and I wholeheartedly endorse it and wish Anne McTaggart MSP all the very best with taking this bill through Parliament and hope it makes it all the way.

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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.

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Company

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Address 2

City/Town

State/Province

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