

## Proposed Organ and Tissue Donation (Scotland) Bill

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### PAGE 2: Proposed Organ and Tissue Donation (Scotland) Bill Consultation

**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:  
Yes, because I believe drastic action is needed to meet transplant shortages and that a soft opt-out system still leaves sufficient room for people to register an objection and withdraw.

**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?**

I believe a soft opt-out is essential to meet to transplant shortages. Many people may not currently register as donors simply because it's not something they've thought about. A soft opt-out ensures people will be able to consider the issue and withdraw if they object. Not only will this protect the individual's right not to donate, it will increase the pool of donors.

**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:  
I do not believe the family of the deceased should be allowed to make decisions that override the deceased individual's wishes. This amounts to a denial of that person's right to choose.

**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.**

Yes,

Please give reasons for your response:  
If this is the individual's preference, it is their right to choose that freely.

**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.**

No,

Please give reasons for your response:  
I disagree. There is a need for children's organs and it must be met somehow. I do believe that adults should be able to opt out on the behalf of a child after their death as a safeguard.

**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?  
Yes, as 16 year olds are as capable as an older person of making the decision for themselves.

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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,

Please give reasons for your response:  
Yes, as one would assume they have benefitted from Scottish NHS resources in that time. As such, they are part of the Scottish healthcare system and should fall under the provisions of the opt-out system.

**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?**

None.

**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?**

None.

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

*Respondent skipped this question*

### PAGE 3: Contact Details

**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

Address

Address 2

City/Town

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