

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.

No,

Please give your reasons for your response:
No one has the right to vote for state ownership of organs - we are not cattle for harvesting - we don't have children for the state to rub their hands and say there's another set of state organs born

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?

There is absolutely no requirement to change the law - voluntary organ donation is on the increase as reported in April this year

The number of people in Scotland who donate their organs after death has almost doubled in the past six years, figures show.

There were 106 deceased organ donors in hospitals across Scotland in 2013-14 – up from 54 in 2007-8. The number of organ transplants carried out in Scotland using organs from deceased donors increased by 62 per cent, from 211 in 2007-8 to 341 in 2013-14.

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.

No,

Please give reasons for your response:
We trust our family to the right thing more than we trust any politician

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.

No,

Please give reasons for your response:
Because the state would then make themselves the proxy or doctors the proxy if they could taking all decisions out of family hands

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:
The only way to safeguard children is to reject this bill

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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.

No,

If you answered no, what would you consider a more appropriate age?
The bill should not opt in anyone

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.

No,

Please give reasons for your response:
The opt out option should be rejected entirely it is a horrendous idea -

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?

there should be a lifetime ban on this soft opt out option and a ban on it ever being put forward again

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

There should be no campaign for the state ownership of people's organs

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- because the bill should never have been proposed and should be rejected

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?

The bill will have a massive impact on equality - inequality of power over your life - as this bill gives the state all the power and takes all the power away from individuals and families

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

Under the current system there is 100% guarantee that no one ever will have their organs taken against their will - no dishonest doctor will ever be able to abuse the system - under this proposal there are no guarantees - and mistakes could mean when people opt out this is not recorded - and opt outs are conveniently lost - you don't replace a system that works fantastically well and saves lives with no threat to anyone with a system that puts people's lives at risk

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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

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

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