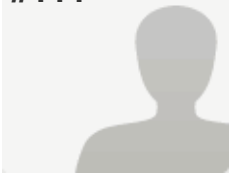


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**Q1: The overarching purpose of my proposal is to move from the current opt-in system to a soft opt-out system of organ donation. Do you support this move? Please indicate “yes/no/undecided” and explain the reasons for your response.**

Yes,

Please give your reasons for your response:  
I believe that this might help to provide much-needed organs for donation.

**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?**

It is probably very necessary to change the law to achieve increased transplant rates. Advertising of the need for organs and of the suffering of those on the waiting list could help to some extent, but not enough.

**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 feel that the emotional burden on a family at a time of great distress makes it extremely hard for them to make an objective decision. It would be easier for them if the emphasis is placed on the possible wishes of the deceased rather than on the wishes of the family.

**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.**

Yes,

Please give reasons for your response:  
I think that there is a moral argument for individuals to be able to appoint a proxy to make such a decision, although I believe that in practice this right would probably be little used.

**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:  
It's not clear to me what 'safeguarding' means in this context. If we assume that in Scotland the medical profession would make every effort to preserve the life of anyone of any age, then then what risk would there be in allowing the automatic opt-in of children and young people? There might however be a case for limiting the proposal to adults in case parents of children who become potential organ donors feel they do not have a choice in the matter.

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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.**

Yes,

If you answered no, what would you consider a more appropriate age?  
This is probably old enough to make an informed decision on the matter.

**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:  
It seems a little arbitrary but the period of 1 year is probably fair.

**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 if the campaign is very widely advertised.

**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?**

I cannot think of any implications other than improving equality for those whose quality of life is affected by their need for an organ transplant.

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

No.

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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.**

Anonymous

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

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