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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:  
 We need more organs for transplant to save lives. The current system allows for apathy- some people who have no objection to donating their organs never get round to registering which in turn costs people their life.

**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?**

Essential- chAnging the law ensures that the change will be properly enforced.

**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:  
 Families can be overwhelmed by their own emotional response and sometimes forget what the persons wishes were.

**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:  
 See above response.

**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:  
 The general public will likely expect this sort of restriction. Also it may be an extra trauma for grieving parents to automatically their child to be an organ donor.

**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?**

One year- allow time for people to really accept the change before it is enforced.

**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?**

Financial implications should not impact this change- it is essential to saving lives. We already have the facilities and the surgical skills to conduct transplant surgery- what we are lacking is a supply of suitable organs!

**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?**

No

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

Go for it- this is required to change current culture of apathy regarding our wishes should 'the worst happen'. We all need to tell our loved ones our wishes and it's likely that those with strong objections would be those most likely to action their objection. Currently there are thousands of people who have no objection to it but have no impetus to register to donate- it's an ineffective system!

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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.**

*Respondent skipped this question*