# 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: When you're dead you have little use of your organs - not donating is just selfish.

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?

No, subsconciously people won't want to out of fear that they might need them again (thanks Hollywood)

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: It then become's the deseased consent as opposed to the next of kins consent, whose judges will be clouded because of grief.

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: Doesn't a living will already do that.

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: Children are also in need of organ transplants, and the child is unfortunately already dead when such a decision would take place, so I don't see why the procedure should change.

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?

As per above I don't think parental consent should be involved in child organ transplant but if we were to, 16 is fine.

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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: They should be made aware of this fact when they move to Scotland but otherwise sounds good.

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! 2.5 years has been two damn long for \*one particular\* campaign, 6 month public awareness campaign should be fine.

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?

I'm not sure how much it cost the NHS to perform a transplant but surely it's worth it to save more lives.

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 can't see how.

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

Thank you! It's about time we did this.

#### 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

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Address 2

City/Town

State/Province

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