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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:
 I believe it could create negative press attention to the detriment of all organ donation at a time when we are seeing massive improvement. I believe it will make transplantation less safe due to the process that families must go through in giving authorisation and patient assessment, past medical history, behavioural history details.

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?

'Required referral' to the donation service of all potential donors from all ICUs and ED departments.
 Mandated SNOD involvement in the approach to families as standard best practice.

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 rely on family input to make donation safe. This is not practical.

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:
 I believe the wishes of any individual are paramount and if they are expressed in life they should be upheld.

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 simply don't agree with your proposal of opt out. I believe it will not make any difference

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?
 I simply don't agree with the proposal.

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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.

No,

Please give reasons for your response:
I simply don't agree with the proposal.

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?

I simply don't agree with the proposal so there is no minimum period of residency.

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?

If transplantation is less safe more organs may fail and people require retransplant. This would be hugely costly. This would mean maintaining patients awaiting retransplant and the costs involved there also.

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 I can think of.

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

My comments are my own views and not that of my organisation.

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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