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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:  
 Families are sometimes irrational in their reasoning for refusal particularly in the present largely post religious period of Britain. I believe that those who refuse do not consider the overall good that would result from a positive response.

**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?**

I am not entirely convinced a change will increase donation rates, but it is worth trying

**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:  
 There are multiple religious faiths in our society. We are often ignorant of their doctrines. Offence would easily be caused. Many muslims in particular believe that organ donation is against their faith. I do not want to be involved causing major further upset at such a difficult time for grieving families by asserting a legal "right" of the state.

**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:  
 The patient has autonomy. If their stated wishes are no known, no proxy is required.

**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

**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.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**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

**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?**

Positive. More donation money and less dialysis resource required but also more theatre time and ICU hours used to accomadate the potential increase in donation. Net gain for health boards I would think.

**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 know that some subsection s do not believe that they are allowed to donate. The bill may bring more donations from these setions as more active thought would occur and the religious position would be clarified perhaps allowing more equal participation in the process.

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

*Respondent skipped this question*

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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*