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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:
 As a critical care doctor, there is minimal evidence it will improve donation rates and could jeopardise the donation rates we already have by impacting on the rapport we have with relatives.

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?

Better publicity and education of the public about awareness of the need for organ donation and the process involved would be much more preferable than an opt out system.

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:
 Families are in a very delicate state at this time and should not be treated in this manner.

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.

Undecided,

Please give reasons for your response:
 I oppose this system all together therefore there is no value answering this point.

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.

Undecided,

Please give reasons for your response:
 As for question 4

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.

Undecided,

If you answered no, what would you consider a more appropriate age?
 As for question 4.

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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.

Undecided,

Please give reasons for your response:
As for question 4

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?

Absolutely not.

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?

Excessive and likely to yield very little in the way of improved donation rates. The money could be spent more wisely for the increasing needs of the NHS.

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?

This bill if it were to go through would likely upset more families, reduce rapport between critical care doctors and families and be a waste of financial resources.

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

There are many factors responsible for other countries having higher donation rates. An education campaign would have a much better impact.

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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