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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:
 Don't want people waiting in the wings for my organs if I am on life support.

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?

It is not essential. This is a very personal issue and another example of n anny state. If I wanted to be an organ donor I would have made it clear to my family. Perhaps there could be a form for people to fill in to give to their family with their wishes detailed on it.

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:
 Family role is very important.

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:
 Against blanket opt out system.

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:
 This question is not very clear

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 a mother of two children there is a big difference in maturity between a 16 year old and an 18 year old. Should such a system be introduced - heaven forbid - 18 would be a better age to be recognised as adult on such an important issue.

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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:
Against the whole idea

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?

Against the whole idea.

Q9: Do you think 6 months is a long enough period to run a campaign prior to change over?

Don't wish to have this imposed on us.

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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

Please stop this now. I would hate to think my organs were removed after death because I had forgotten to tick a box.

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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