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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:  
 My Mum has been on the kidney list for 5 years and I don't want other family's to go through this.

**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 essential that as many people are available donors as possible if you feel strongly by all means opt out but many don't opt in due to apathy or not getting round to 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.**

Yes,

Please give reasons for your response:  
 It is a difficult time for people to act rationally and hold on to the person that has passed.

**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:  
 You should make the decision and let your wishes known it would be unfair to leave it to someone else at a highly emotional time.

**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,

Please give reasons for your response:  
 Again its not a decision a parent should have to think about at the time.

**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?  
In Scotland you can be married at 16 so I think you are old enough to make this decision yourself.

**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:  
By this time you are aware of your responsibilities and more importantly should be registered with a doctor and your medical history could be accessed.

**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 plenty time and people are at this moment dying waiting on a list.

**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 represent my own beliefs not my companies.

The NHS was made to look after us and I wholeheartedly support any financial implications thrust upon me as a tax payer.

**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?**

It is for all rich poor black white no one is different.

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

I am being tested as a live donor for my Mum and the process takes about a year but the level of support and the information provided by the transplant team is excellent and this Bill would not only change the patients lives for ever but also there families and friends.

#### 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

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