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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:
It would save lives.

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 believe a change in the law would work best alongside a myth-busting campaign re: people's fears over organ donation and an awareness-raising campaign re: how it could save lives, including ours. After all, no one knows when they might need an organ donation.

On that basis it's important to change the framing of this debate: make people see it through the eyes of someone who may benefit from an organ donation not simply as someone who might be donating organs after death.

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.

Undecided,

Please give reasons for your response:
I have visions of mothers having breakdowns as their sons organs are removed. I'm unsure about this one.

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.

Yes,

Please give reasons for your response:
This is a good idea

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,

If you answered no, what would you consider a more appropriate age?
Seems sensible

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 believe it should apply to UK nationals living in Scotland only. This will avoid awkward situations whereby, for example, a Saudi Arabian national who has lived in Scotland for only 13 months before an accidental death had his/her body stripped of organs against their religious and family values.

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?

It should apply to UK nationals ONLY. It should not be based on length of residents.

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

No. There will be religious and cultural barriers to this legislative change. You will need longer to bud up a civic movement able to bring this change through parliament.

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?

No idea

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?

The ability to opt out must be well advertised across religious, racial and class backgrounds.

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

Build up support in civic Scotland first.

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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