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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.

No,

Please give your reasons for your response:
There are other changes to the donation system which are likely to have significant positive effects without risking backlash.

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?

Other measures which should be focused on: the time from identifying a potential donor to actual donation is very long and is the main reason i see for loss of potential donors- families refuse when they learn of or withdraw their assent when they experience the long drawn out process of organ allocation prior to donation. This should be streamlined with web based technology and system changes rather than the sequential phone calls SNOD's currently make around the UK.

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:
Assent by families is an essential. There is great risk to public perception and donor rates by generating adverse publicity if they are overruled in this way.

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.

Yes,

Please give reasons for your response:
This encourages discussion and consideration- the proxy is only expressing the views of a donor made in life.

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

<p>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.</p>	Yes
<p>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.</p>	Undecided
<p>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?</p>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
<p>Q9: Do you think 6 months is a long enough period to run a campaign prior to change over? Yes. Additionally there will be publicity around the Welsh change which many will see.</p>	
<p>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?</p>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
<p>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?</p>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
<p>Q12: Do you have any other comments on or suggestions relevant to the proposal?</p>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

PAGE 3: Contact Details

<p>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.</p>	Anonymous
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Q14: Thank you for completing this survey. Please provide your name and contact details below.

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