

#195

**COMPLETE**

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)

Started: Thursday, September 04, 2014 7:14:45 AM

Last Modified: Thursday, September 04, 2014 7:32:15 AM

Time Spent: 00:17:30

IP Address: 86.161.100.248

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: It should never be assumed that a person is comfortable with the process of donation without their explicit consent. Introducing such a process may well alienate more potential donors than it gains.

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?

Not essential at all.

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: To retrieve the organs of a deceased person against the wishes of the family, despite that persons previous wishes is never likely to lead to a positive outcome.

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

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.

No,

Please give reasons for your response: I don't think anyone should automatically be opted in. Only those who are truly able to give informed consent should be allowed to opt in/sign up.

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?
A 16 year old can vote in the referendum, and could generally be considered as an adult.

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 any opt out system.

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?

N/A

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

No

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?

Would need a huge investment in infrastructure to allow for an increasing number of donors. (This is happening already). This will include more retrieval teams, and more transplant centres.

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?

I do not think the vast majority of donors have consented to DCD donation, and I can foresee that this could have a very negative impact on organ donation.

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

This is a highly contentious area, particularly within the medical profession, and great care needs to be taken with regards to how such a proposal should be presented. I cannot support an opt-out system.

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.

Anonymous

Q14: Thank you for completing this survey. Please provide your name and contact details below.

Name

Company

Address

Address 2

City/Town

State/Province

ZIP/Postal Code

Country

Email Address

