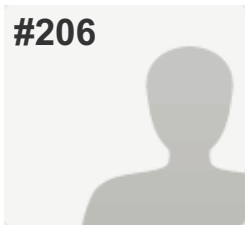


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PAGE 2: Proposed Organ and Tissue Donation (Scotland) Bill Consultation

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:
The state should not have the power to make decisions about deceased people

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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: See q1

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:
This overrides the principle of individual autonomy.

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.

Undecided

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:
This facet highlights an area which makes this proposal completely unworkable

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?

Time period is immaterial. You need to demonstrate that the individual was aware of the proposal and had not objected

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?

Potential overwhelming of our hospital systems in supporting potential donors in ICU, vast increase in harvest procedures preventing normal theatre activity and presumably significant but short to medium term increase in actual transplant procedures and required hospital support until backlog is cleared.

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?

Never mind equality, what about individuals rights?

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

If I required an organ I would only wish to receive such from a deceased person who had actively entered their name on the ODR. These proposals are the thin end of a wedge undermining individual autonomy and the intrusion of the state into areas of individual belief and conscience.

Organ failures are tragic, but there are many other awful conditions where no such extreme measures are being proposed to attempt to cure or remedy.

Proponents of these measures should perhaps witness an organ harvest procedure and then reflect if they would still wish this to happen to their deceased body or that of a relative.

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.

Respondent skipped this question