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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.**

Undecided,

Please give your reasons for your response: I'm not sure what I would do if presented with someone who hadn't opted out but whose family objected to their being a donor. Will elderly / technophobes have equal opportunity to opt out?

**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 would have thought a change in the law would be required

**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: This is difficult - if they all say of course their relative didn't want it - imposing their own views on the potential donor, then we are no further forward.

**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: If you can do this in other health matters I do not see how you could prevent it here

**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.**

Undecided,

Please give reasons for your response: what would be the age cut off of adult here? I'm not sure that young people are the only ones that would need to be protected - how do you make sure that every one registers their objection? That they all know that need to register an objection.

**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,

If you answered no, what would you consider a more appropriate age?  
16 would mean it could be discussed at school. About as you can't vote generally til 18 I'd have thought that would be better.

**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:  
Border issues have always troubled me on this one

**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?**

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?**

Not a lot

Publicity would be expensive - the amount being spent on this would be have to be more than current organ donation publicity

**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?**

Equality is not present in the population as it stands. I do not think there is a definite way to see how you could ensure that everyone considered their right to opt out

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

I think it would be wise to wait and see how it goes in Wales for a year or two. However families refusing authorisation is one reason why donation could be higher. An opt out may be the way to fix this. Most families regret their refusal later.

#### 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.

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Company

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Address 2

City/Town

State/Province

ZIP/Postal Code

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