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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:
Would cut back on unnecessary delays that can stop often retrieval from happening , resulting in increased transplant rates and better survival. As long as the nhs persists in it's current form I wouldn't be concerned that organ retrieval takes priority over treating critically ill.

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?

DVLA- thorough information leaflet to be sent out, opt out system explained, updated on the license and their database

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.

Yes,

Please give reasons for your response:
Bereaving family members cannot process this piece of information in the timely manner we require their decision. They might be in a state of shock not being able to rationally decide or reason.

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.

No,

Please give reasons for your response:
I think it's the individual's decision to make.

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,

Please give reasons for your response:
Very complex ethical issue. All families expressing interest should be appointed a counsellor or proxy to assist decision making.

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.

No,

If you answered no, what would you consider a more appropriate age?
18 or even 21 No insight into what they are opting out of

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.

Undecided,

Please give reasons for your response:
Certainly anyone residing in Scotland has to be made aware of the law (if there is one). Residents of Scotland live by the rules that apply to them incl 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?

If this comes on force as legislation then there should be no exemptions. If in Rome....

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

No- 6 months very intense campaign followed by continuous updates at every change of license/passport/ GP visit!!

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?

Cannot see much apart from campaigning, but am no financial expert

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?

Positive, on the individual's 'right to be transplanted with donor organ' if there is such right. Certainly equivalent to fair and equal medical treatment.

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

Respondent skipped this question

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.

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

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