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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:  
People will respond more to an opt out system rather than the current opt in

**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?**

Legislation would mean a clear option for people regarding their options for organ donation, this may mean more organs becoming available, but giving people the option for "opting out" for any personal reason. I cannot see any non legislative way to increase the availability of donor organs

**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 a difficult one to answer, some families may have members who have opted out, and are not aware of their family members wishes

**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:  
This is a very personal decision, I believe that people should indicate their preferences, I do not agree with proxies for this

**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:  
I agree with your reasons.

**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 is the age of majority, and should be the age for making this decision

**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:  
you cannot be sure of people coming to live in Scotland's medical background, not all will need or wish to register or see a GP

**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?**

2 - 3 years

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

Yes, people would lose interest if it went on any longer

**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?**

Costs of the consultation, and the production of cards etc

**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 can see no equality issues as long as it is made clear to everyone of the implications of not being clear about their wishes, provision must be made for those who have mental health, drug & alcohol issues etc

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

No

#### 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.**

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Company

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Address 2

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State/Province

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