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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:
As a transplanted organ (liver) recipient, I would like to see the number of available organs for transplant increased. A soft opt-out system may lead to that. However, the key factor is the number of transplants actually carried out, and that number has been increasing steadily in Scotland. I feel that an opt-out system in the UK could backfire (there has been an interesting reduction in organ donation authorisation rates in Wales recently, where an opt-out system is about to be implemented). hence my response to this question.

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?

Yes, there are. Family authorisation rates are a key factor, and better education could be used to increase the number of organs available under the current system. The money which would need to be spent to implement an opt-out system could be used to improve the present system..

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:
As indicated above, family authorisation rates are a key factor, and improving them is in my view crucial.

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:
Each individual should be responsible for his/her decisions, and for making them known via a register (whether under opt-in as at present, or opt-out).

<p>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.</p>	Yes
<p>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.</p>	Yes
<p>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.</p>	<p>No, Please give reasons for your response: Someone moving to Scotland will have a lot of settling in to do, and 1 year is too short a period.</p>
<p>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?</p>	
<p>5 years would be better.</p>	
<p>Q9: Do you think 6 months is a long enough period to run a campaign prior to change over? Wales is finding that there is huge confusion caused during the interval between the new regulations being enacted and implemented. People assume that they have been implemented already, and one result is that authorisation rates are falling.</p>	
<p>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?</p>	<p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>
<p>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?</p>	<p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>
<p>Q12: Do you have any other comments on or suggestions relevant to the proposal?</p>	<p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>

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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