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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:
I am a registered organ donor and have discussed this with my next of kin. It's a deliberate and conscious decision and I believe that active consent to organ donation is the appropriate process.

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?

Change in legislation would be essential to change from opt-in to soft opt-out system in my view to protect practitioners involved in organ removal and transplantation from donors who had not actively opted in or consented to organ donation.

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:
In my experience the psychological impact on family members of a deceased organ donor can be diverse and significant and the next of kin at least should give active consent.

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.

Yes,

Please give reasons for your response:
For individuals where capacity to consent is an issue and where they are protected under AWI or have Welfare Guardianship in place.

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.

Yes

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:
I am not in support of the soft opt out proposal

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?

See above

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

No, at least 12 months lead in time for the change to allow sufficient time to engage with the public.

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?

If the proposed opt in system is introduced and it does significantly increase numbers of transplants undertaken in Scotland each year, this is likely to create a capacity issue which may require more staff, more theatres, more resources generally. Some of this additional cost may be offset by reduction in dialysis for kidney patients for example, but every additional transplant undertaken will also have recurring costs for anti rejection drugs, follow up 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?

Even with extensive public awareness raising and education in advance of the change there will be a likelihood that those who are affluent, and able will continue to make informed choices and actively opt out, whereas our more vulnerable citizens or 1st generation immigrants with English not as a first language may not which would result in organ donations being made more often from these communities of vulnerability.

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.

Anonymous

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

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