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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:  
People do not go to the effort of joining the organ donation register despite wanting to donate currently. Under an opt-in system I fear the same apathy would occur with them not signing the opt-out register and we risk going against them and their wishes by making presumptions. In fact, I believe the proposal relies on public apathy to sign and erroneous presumption that they would have wished to donate; this is dishonest. As an ICU doctor I believe this system would raise new concerns among relatives whereas I am currently seen as detached from the donation 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?**

Not essential at all. Donation (at least in my region) is increasing rapidly due to increased awareness among clinicians and more discussions with family.

**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:  
While it's unpleasant to go against a donor's wishes, the family have to live with any decision and I believe they should have a say in that.

**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

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.	Yes
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?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q9: Do you think 6 months is a long enough period to run a campaign prior to change over?	Yes
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?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
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>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q12: Do you have any other comments on or suggestions relevant to the proposal?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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

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