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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:  
I think this change in the law is long overdue. It's been brought up in the Scottish Parliament a couple of times before and people have always been too cautious. Meanwhile many other countries across Europe have been getting on it with it and saving many many lives. I think the case to change the law is now unanswerable.

**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?**

Well we've always relied heavily on social marketing and advertising to get people to sign up voluntarily. Each time we do that as a country the numbers spike for a month or so and then dip back down again...

I think the vast majority of people in scotland are comfortable with the idea of organ donation - they just haven't gotten around to signing up. That's why this change in the law will be so beneficial.

**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:  
Yes - i think that's right. Otherwise deeply felt grief might compromise an otherwise rational decision. I know that i wouldn't want me views over-ruled by family - no matter how hard their suffering was.

**Q4: Do you think an individual should be able to appoint a proxy to the make the final decision regarding transplantation on their behalf? Please indicate "yes/no/undecided" and explain the reasons for your response.**

Undecided,

Please give reasons for your response:  
Not sure i understand the question - sorry.

**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:  
Yes - that's the right balance.

**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,

If you answered no, what would you consider a more appropriate age?  
Yes - i think the date of majority should be 16 almost universally.

**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:  
Sounds far.

**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?**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**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?**

It would likely save money if it means fewer people waiting lengthy periods for transplants and therefore placing high demand on services such as dialysis

**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?**

A positive impact if it reduces number of people who have to live with a disability through improving their health over a quicker period of time

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

I'd like to pay tribute to Anne McTaggart for leading the charge on this issue. I know her determination to succeed will see it through and in so doing, she'll have saved hundreds, if not thousands, of lives.

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*

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

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