

Following consultation with Organ Donation Committee and Mark Worsley, Organ Donation Clinical Lead, comments are as follows:

Consultation questions

1. 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. To increase UK donation rates - generally higher if opt-out

2. 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?

Other measures likely to be inadequate

3. 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. I think there needs to be a positive bias towards donation

4. 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. Some individuals may prefer this option

5. 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. Donation from both welcome and needed

6. 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. If you answered no what would you consider a more appropriate age?

Yes. Age of consent

7. 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. To allow incomers opportunity to be appraised

8. 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?

N/A

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

If intensive enough

10. 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?

Neutral at worse as likely to be less demand for dialysis

11. 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?

No. Unlikely but national media campaign is going to have to consider needs of minorities.

12. Do you have any other comments on or suggestions relevant to the proposal?

- *Major national communication needed and communication/training in new pathways for professionals*
- *Careful thought required to ensure integrity of database, and particular consultations regarding supply and demand in tissue donations, eg corneal.*
- *For the last named concern would suggest consultation with National Ocular Tissue Advisory Group and Royal College of Ophthalmologists.*