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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:
It will save countless lives and people who object to their organs being donated will still have the option to opt-out.

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?

Very. People are inherently lazy and many don't get round to registering to be an organ donor. It would also save families the trauma of having to give consent after a death.

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.

Undecided,

Please give reasons for your response:
I feel it is important for wishes to be taken into account but surely if people had strong objections, they would opt-out during their lifetimes. Family members can also lie in order to make the beliefs of the deceased fit their own standards. However, not asking makes the government look dictatorial.

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:
It's their decision, they should take responsibility for it. No-one else can make decisions about our own bodies for us.

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:
I completely agree. What happens to young people's organs has to remain their parent/carer's choice.

<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>	<p>No, If you answered no, what would you consider a more appropriate age? I think 18 is a better age.</p>
<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>Yes, Please give reasons for your response: Yes, except for students from other countries / people who have their permanent residence elsewhere.</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><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>
<p>Q9: Do you think 6 months is a long enough period to run a campaign prior to change over? I think a minimum of 6 months is required.</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? No idea, sorry.</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? Can't think of any.</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>

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<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.</p>	<p>Confidential</p>
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