

## Proposed Organ and Tissue Donation (Scotland) Bill

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**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:  
Too much confusion at time of death as to whether deceased can donate organs or not. Emotion from family/next of kin means wishes of deceased often not met.

**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?**

Opt-in is the only way to increase transplant rate and reduce waiting list, as well as save lives around the country without conflicting opinions from nok and 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.**

Yes,

Please give reasons for your response:  
Limited consultation makes sense, everyone is an organ donor unless otherwise stated in writing. Family should have little input, although this may sound disrespectful the last thing families should have to deal with is whether or not their loved one is used for organ donation. Unless the family is particularly vocal about objections from the outset, limited consultation with the family is all that is needed.

**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

**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.**

Undecided,

Please give reasons for your response:  
Younger people - are they likely to register as donors? Can their registration as a donor be overruled by a parent/guardian? Would this proposal mean all adults over the age of 18 are considered organ donors, regardless of whether they have registered or not, and regardless of the opinions of parents/guardians when they were younger?

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**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?**

*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?**

Reduce costs, reduce waiting time, reduce unnecessary deaths caused by lack of transplants.

**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?**

No negative implications for equality.

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

Excellent proposal and long overdue. The question re. organ donation shouldn't have to be asked, it should be assumed unless otherwise stated.

### PAGE 3: Contact Details

**Q13: If you wish your response, or any part of it, to be treated as anonymous or confidential, please check the appropriate box and state the reason for this. If not, then please go to question 14. If I accept the reasons, I will publish it as "anonymous response" or only publish the non-confidential parts of the response. If I do not accept the reasons, I will let you know and give you the option of withdrawing it or submitting it on the normal attributable basis.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q14: Thank you for completing this survey. For the purposes of the consultation, it would be helpful if you could provide your contact details.**

Name

Email Address

