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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 am a transplant recipient therefore I understand the affect on the patient and their family/loved ones of waiting for something that may never come. Too many people die waiting on a transplant.

**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?**

i think people who strongly believe they do not want to donate their organs will act to opt out.

**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:  
Protection is required for vulnerable members in our society so that we can be sure that those who donate wished to do so and fully understood what it meant

**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:  
This maybe necessary to protect the vulnerable

**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 would consider children one of the potentially vulnerable groups in our society

**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.**

Undecided,

If you answered no, what would you consider a more appropriate age?  
 Unsure as on the one hand I was 16 when I was told I needed a transplant and I was able to accept however not all teenagers mature at the same rate and I would be concerned that for some 16 year olds this May still be too young.

**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.**

Undecided,

Please give reasons for your response:  
 This is a difficult one, you would need find a way of ensuring that this is known and understood so people had the opportunity to opt out, could information be provided when someone registers with a gp?

**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?**

an initial campaign yes but a longer campaign needs to continue for some time after that to ensure that it gets into people's conscience and sticks

**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 guess if the bill goes ahead there will be more people surviving and financial implications that follow with that however they will also be able to live a fuller life again and participate in their communities and society in general

**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?**

careful consideration of the proposal must ensure that the vulnerable are protected

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

would it worthwhile having a system whereby people are reminded and asked again if it is still there wish to donate their organs?

**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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