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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 believe we ought not to care once we're dead, so it makes sense to make use of anything useful left over for the benefit of others, provided due care and respect is maintained.

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 don't know. I imagine there are many non-legislative measures which could achieve similar outcomes, but I would hazard a guess that changing the law would be clearer, and more effective in attaining the utilitarian objective behind this proposal.

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.

No,

Please give reasons for your response:
I certainly think the family should be consulted on their preference, even if it is emphasised that it is not considered to be a final decision.

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.

Yes,

Please give reasons for your response:
It's very improbable that anyone might accurately predict how they'll die, so a proxy would be able to take the particular circumstances and condition of the deceased into account in making their decision. It would also be a potentially significant display of trust to permit another to make such a decision, and could therefore add meaning to people's lives.

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:
What does it mean to safeguard a young person once they're dead? If another young person required a transplant, it might be considered preferable for a transplant to have been donated by someone of a similar age. My own opinion is that the age of opt-out ought to be lower than sixteen, but that particular safeguards are given to the ability of the family or next of kin to state their preference. In other words, it might be made legal for a transplant to be possible from the age of 14, but in practise a preference on the family's part should carry more weight in such a circumstance, even if not legally binding.

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.

No,

If you answered no, what would you consider a more appropriate age?
Fourteen

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:
I would advocate it apply to everyone resident in Scotland, provided they are also made aware.

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?

I don't know.

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 effect.

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?

I don't know.

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

No.

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

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

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