

#386

**COMPLETE**

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)

Started: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 2:10:46 PM

Last Modified: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 2:58:16 PM

Time Spent: 00:47:30

IP Address: 86.153.241.54

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:
Because your rites as a human being end after you are confirmed dead, and I'm certain it is not rare for many people simply neutral on the matter (i.e. those that do not care for the state of their body after death) to have not gotten around to registering prior to their death for various reasons, leading to what is essentially a wasted organ that could have saved someone's life.

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 am currently un-aware of specifics in organ donations, but I believe this change would directly increase the number of organs available to patients in need, leading to an increase in lives saved, as such I would say such a change should be a priority.

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:
The decision should be personal as only you own your own body, outside authority should not be allowed to alter this.

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:
If you were in a position where you have already made up your mind, but are unable to voice your own decision (i.e. comatose) then I believe this option would be vital. It doesn't infringe on personal rites as the donor in question personally chose the proxy.

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:
As society has already agreed on, young people should not be held to the same degree of responsibility as an adult, I would agree that this would be the best option to safeguard the young people of the country, who may or may not have even started to consider the implications of their own death.

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,

If you answered no, what would you consider a more appropriate age?
You are legally allowed to create life at 16, therefore I have no qualms with the same age range being applied to the handling of someone's body after death.

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:
If this law is being made to apply to the people of Scotland alone, then a foreigner who may/may not have decided to make Scotland his/her home should not be held under the same spotlight.

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?

Unsure

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?

Unknown

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 believe that this would invoke positive implications, as it would almost definitely increase the number of organs available to hospitals

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

I believe that there should be a trial period where the proposed changes to organ donations be tried out in select regions of the country, to "test the waters" and help ease the public into the change.

PAGE 3: Contact Details

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.

Respondent skipped this question

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

Name

Company

Address

Address 2

City/Town

State/Province

ZIP/Postal Code

Country

Email Address

