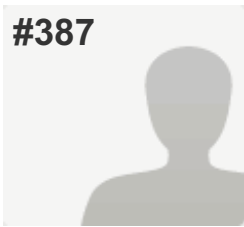


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PAGE 2: Proposed Organ and Tissue Donation (Scotland) Bill Consultation

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: People are useless at opting in, I expect more people would be happy to be opted in than those that prefer to opt out, might as well have the smaller number of people doing the opting.

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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: Families may often disagree with the departed, who unfortunately are not around to ask any more. So consulting with a question about unregistered objections would seem more appropriate than giving them a veto.

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.

Yes,

Please give reasons for your response: If they wanted to then that would seem sensible, though what happens if the proxy dies first.

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: Once the child is old enough to understand the concept then they can opt-out, so I guess it just depends on the age that they are considered to be able to do that.

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?
I decided to become vegetarian at the age of 9, I expect I could have made a similar decision on being a donor at that age. Perhaps not everyone would, so maybe from the age of 12?

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:
I think it could be reduced to 6 months.

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?

Six months

Q9: Do you think 6 months is a long enough period to run a campaign prior to change over?

Yes, in line with how long being here before being considered to have opted in.

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 implications

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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

Respondent skipped this question

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.

Respondent skipped this question