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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:  
It means that everyone will be opted in and then they won't have to go to effort to do it, so if someone meant to do it but never got round to it then it wouldn't be an issue. A lot of people don't realise they have to opt in! Also if you were really against it for excellent proper reasons then you would know it was an issue and could just opt out and it would be fine, rather than right now people who are uneducated or lazy or forgetful not opting in, and thus not saving lives.

**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?**

It is so essential. It makes no sense that it isn't already an opt out system. You don't need your organs, you are dead. Someone else might have their life saved if they got your organs. Saving lives means this is essential.

**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:  
Nothing to do with the family. If the person had a serious good issue they would have opted out.

**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.**

No,

Please give reasons for your response:  
What's the point, if you have opted out then it is because you have a good reason, if you haven't then you obviously didn't have a good reason.

**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.**

No,

Please give reasons for your response:  
If the child is dead then they don't need their organs. Being young doesn't make them any less useful.

**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.**

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

Age limit for opting out should be 16, but families should be able to opt out for their children if they are less than 16.

**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:  
An organs an organs an organ.

**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?**

Aye

**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?**

None

**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 think that as long as the obvious religious groups are made aware of what is happening, and as long as there is a short country wide awareness raising campaign then everything should be fine.

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

It is about time this happened.

#### 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.

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Company

Address

Address 2

City/Town

State/Province

ZIP/Postal Code

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