

## Proposed Organ and Tissue Donation (Scotland) Bill

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**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.**

No,

Please give your reasons for your response:  
I disagree that all countries that move to an "opt out" model improve organ donation rates, for example Chile & Austria. There has been a 100% increase in organ donors in Scotland over the past 8 years, achieved within the current model. I believe further increases can be achieved without moving to an "opt out" model.

**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?**

Increase ITU bed numbers and resources to support organ donation (Advertising, specialist nurses etc).

**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 do not support organ donation proceeding against the wishes of the next of kin. This will have a negative impact on the perception of doctors & health care in Scotland.

**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:  
As long as legally accepted documentation exists before death.

**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:  
I do not support anyone being automatically "opted in" - either adult or child.

**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?  
I do not support anyone being automatically "opted in" - either adult or child.

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**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.**

No,

Please give reasons for your response:  
I do not support the soft opt-out system for anyone.

**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?**

I do not support the soft opt-out system for anyone.

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

No.

**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?**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**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?**

Negative.

I do not support forcing organ donation on donors or especially next of kin. Those who are unaware or not engaged with the system of how to opt-out will not be treated equally as it will be assumed they have chosen not to opt out.

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

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q13: If you wish your response, or any part of it, to be treated as anonymous or confidential, please check the appropriate box and state the reason for this. If not, then please go to question 14. If I accept the reasons, I will publish it as "anonymous response" or only publish the non-confidential parts of the response. If I do not accept the reasons, I will let you know and give you the option of withdrawing it or submitting it on the normal attributable basis.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q14: Thank you for completing this survey. For the purposes of the consultation, it would be helpful if you could provide your contact details.**

Name

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