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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.**

Yes,

Please give your reasons for your response:  
What do we need our organs for when we are dead? Those who need to have organ transplants, should have easier access to them.

**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 think it is essential, however I am unsure this could be achieved in any other way.

**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.**

Undecided,

Please give reasons for your response:  
This is a tough one. I believe it is the person whose organ are being donated that should have the final say but if they are unregistered, then this makes it difficult.

**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.**

No,

Please give reasons for your response:  
If you have made the decision to opt in or opt out, then that was your decision. No one else's.

**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:  
This gives younger people the right to choose. Being a younger individual, it is possible that their decision could change over time, and possibly more than once.

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**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 think it should be 18. At the age of 16 I couldn't make up my mind about what I wanted to do for the weekend, let alone if I wanted to donate my organs. However at the age of 18 I had decided what I wanted to do when I left school, had made a few more life decisions, including becoming a register organ donor.

**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:  
For me, who now lives in Australia, I hope my organs can be used whether I am still living here or back home in Scotland when I die. But for health reasons and also accessibility to the deceased persons medical/travel history, I feel that they should have resided in the UK or Scotland for at least a year prior to their death.

**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?**

Possibly a little longer but, its definitely not too long.

**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?**

Hopefully it is not negative as it proves that we are all the same on the inside and that this campaign should be aimed at all colours, creeds, ethnicities and backgrounds.

**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.

*Respondent skipped this question*