

## Proposed Organ and Tissue Donation (Scotland) Bill

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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

**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?**

Only media and personal connection to someone requiring a transplant will change the view of the general population to increase organ donation without a change in the law.

**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 believe the grieving family should still be asked, but with the opt out system we have an easier opening statement. "It was your loved ones wishes that their organs be used, are you aware of any changes in their views/objections and are you happy for us to proceed with their wishes," I feel this would be a more humane approach than to proceed without family consent.

**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:  
Parents sometimes do not have the clearest understanding of their children's wishes, and their inability to let go can often go against the wishes of the donor. I feel someone from the same generation (ie. sibling, partner etc.) would have been more appropriate.

**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

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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.**

Yes

**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:  
They need to have a permanent address in Scotland to avoid confusion with students.

**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?**

No I think a year would be better. Scots need time to think!

**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?**

It would reduce the cost of people on Dialysis. It would reduce the need for live donors and altruistic donors both of whom are entitled to reimbursement for expenses & loss of earnings during recovery period.

**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?**

Yes currently those patients who come from a family with a poor medical family history and therefore no suitable live donors might stand the chance of a quick donation.

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

No, I just hope it works to increase the amount of deceased donors

### 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

Country

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