

## 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.**

Yes,

Please give your reasons for your response:  
more people would be willing to participate in organ donation - it is likely that people just see the opt-in system as 'a hassle'

**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?**

more public awareness on the impact of organ donation - allow people to relate to the young and old as possible members of their family, friends, colleagues

**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:  
i have personally seen objection to donation after the death of a loved one - the son was a donor and the mother refused to allow the donation. This goes against past, present and future wishes of the adult. this should be no different from legislation such as the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007 whereby the beliefs and wishes of the adult are important.

**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.**

Undecided,

Please give reasons for your response:  
only if there is a 'contract' such as power of attorney and the decision is made when the person had capacity to make and informed decision.

**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

**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

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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:  
this could conflict with religious / cultural beliefs as we now live in an expanding multicultural society.

**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?**

5 years and information to the household regarding organ donation.

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

it should be continuous.

**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?**

cultural differences.

**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.**

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