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Proposed Organ and Tissue Donation (Scotland) Bill

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1. 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
- No
- Undecided

Please give your reasons for your response:

I THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE A CHOICE.

2. 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?

NO.

3. 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
- No
- Undecided

Please give reasons for your response:

I THINK FAMILY SHOULD BE CONSULTED (TALK TO THEM) BEFORE YOU MAKE A DEFINITE DECISION.

4. 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
- No
- Undecided

Please give reasons for your response:

THE SUPPORT WOULD BE GOOD.

5. 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
- No
- Undecided

Please give reasons for your response:

I FEEL THAT CHILDREN/YOUNGER PEOPLE'S ORGANS ARE STILL GROWING & SHOULDN'T BE USED FOR DONATING PURPOSES.

6. 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
- No
- Undecided

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

I THINK THE AGE LIMIT SHOULD BE OLDER, BECAUSE THEY STILL HAVE A LOT GROWING UP TO DO.

7. 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
- No
- Undecided

Please give reasons for your response:

THAT'S SOUNDS LIKE GREAT IDEA,

8. 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?

YES

9. Do you think 6 months is a long enough period to run a campaign prior to change over?

YES. THAT'S LONG ENOUGH.

10. 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?

IF THE MONEY'S THERE. THEN WHY NOT SPEND ON A GOOD CAUSE.

11. 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?

IT MIGHT BE AVOIDED IF THE GOVERNMENT PUT MONEY TO A GOOD CAUSE.

12. Do you have any other comments on or suggestions relevant to the proposal?

NO

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Contact Details

13. Thank you for completing this survey. For the purposes of the consultation, it would be helpful if you could provide your contact details. If you wish to remain anonymous, you are not obliged to complete this part of the survey.

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