

#47



COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Wednesday, July 09, 2014 2:24:57 AM
Last Modified: Wednesday, July 09, 2014 2:41:16 AM
Time Spent: 00:16:19
IP Address: 212.240.89.187

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,

Please give your reasons for your response:
 We need more donors and fewer families denying consent at point of death.

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?

Essential. We suffer from not having enough donors.

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:
 Families should not be able to block a potential donor's wishes.

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.

Undecided,

Please give reasons for your response:
 it would be preferable to have a reliable opt-out system. However, if the potential donor is incapable, an appointed proxy (ie someone who has been authorised by the potential donor) could be helpful.

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:
 The current age of consent is 12 - I see no reason to downgrade that. We need organs from children and young people as well as from adults,

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?
 Stick with 12.

Proposed Organ and Tissue Donation (Scotland) Bill

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:
This is a reasonable minimum period. People living here temporarily, eg as students, must be alerted to this rule so that they can opt out if they wish.

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?

It would give a good kick-start to the campaign, but the messages need to be sustained also.

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?

None to me.

The NHS would need to be geared up to deal with more donors: more counsellors, more specialists etc.

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?

Minority ethnic people are currently less likely to donate. A communication/information campaign is needed to address this.

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

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 3: Contact Details

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