The NHS Forth Valley Organ Donation Committee is supportive of the aims of the Bill as at face value it makes sense for the default position to be for consent to be presumed.

However the current drafting of the Bill will not facilitate organ availability because checks and balances, e.g. appointment of a proxy, or use of “authorised persons”, will make the process of gaining consent cumbersome and slow, and so may actually decrease organ availability.

Therefore the Organ Donation Committee could not support the Bill as drafted, a conclusion reached with reluctance, as the Committee view that ‘Opt Out’ is the way forward in the longer term.