Transplantation (Authorisation of Removal of Organs etc.) Scotland Bill

Revival

Revival is a charity operating in Tayside and North East Fife supporting Transplant Patients and promoting the Organ Donor Register.

Revival supports the Bill because we believe that it will increase the number of Organs available for Transplant. In our canvasing of the public, the majority of views are that there is already an opt out scheme in operation for organ donation.

We have reservations about the appointment of a proxy on the basis that the current proposals may be difficult to manage. Our experience is that the public want to be able to complete the current Organ Donor Register form quickly and adding additional sections and questions will result in less forms being completed. It would be worthwhile drafting the forms to be completed and to consult the public on whether these new forms would discourage them from submitting their consent to donation, to appoint a proxy or to opt out before implementing the legislation in respect of a proxy.

We support the role “of authorised investigatory persons” but wonder if they will be able to meet the timescales required when a potential donor is identified.

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