

# Dorothy Barr submission of 9 February 2022

## PE1911/I – Review of Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006 as it relates to post- mortems

I am taken aback that while we have an opt out for organ donation, we do not have an opt out for post mortem. I am very supportive that we move to an opt out for post mortem, reducing any additional stress to families of loved ones who have died.

I do realise the procurator fiscal may be involved where it is necessary to carry out a post mortem. Surely if this is required, it should be on the torso only.

I have heard there is a scanner now being used down south which has been 99% more accurate, therefore reducing the need to cut the deceased.

Why are we not aligned with the rest of the UK to return the tissue samples back to the family? Respectfully, Scotland should be offering tissue samples back to families, they belong to the deceased and the families who all have the same rights.

I sincerely hope the world we live in will support change in how we look after our loved ones who have a choice, even in death to opt out of post mortem.