

# Rae McGilvray submission of 6 November 2022

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

I am supporting the above petition on post-mortems and tissue samples. Having recently learned of the antiquated system Scotland continues to adopt regarding post-mortems-the removal of the brain, throat and tongue, I feel strongly that the use of scanners in post- mortems is paramount to maintaining the dignity of our loved ones and their families.

I strongly believe that the next of kin should have the choice to accept or decline the return of samples, there needs to be honesty and transparency and having the opportunity to give consent for samples to be destroyed or retained for research is the only legitimate way.