

HEALTH AND SPORT COMMITTEE

HUMAN TISSUE (AUTHORISATION) (SCOTLAND) BILL

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I would fully support the main aspirations within the Bill to have an 'opt out' approach to organ donation.

As technology develops to make it more feasible to provide transplantation of organs/tissue from one person to another, then so it should be in the public interest to be able to maximise this opportunity.

People having to 'opt out' would allow for a clear direction to be available to all involved – including relatives as opposed to the current scenario where an individual could have personal wishes to have their organs available for donation in the event of unexpected death and this not being understood by relatives and accordingly, the person's wishes not being respected and the opportunity to offer new/sustained life opportunities to others lost.