Dear Sir/Madam

Consultation on the Human Transplantation (Wales) Bill

The Health and Social Care Committee is undertaking an inquiry into the general principles of the Human Transplantation (Wales) Bill.

Further details about the Bill and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum can be found on the Assembly’s website:

The terms of reference for the inquiry are:

To consider the general principles of the Bill and the need for legislation to increase the number of organs and tissues available for transplant by introducing a soft opt-out system of organ and tissue donation in Wales, by reference to:

1. The individual provisions set out in the Bill—

   - Section 2, relating to the promotion of transplantation,
   - Section 3, relating to lawful transplantation activities,
   - Sections 4-8, relating to consent,
   - Sections 9-11, relating to offences,
   - Sections 12-20, which make general provision.

2. Any potential barriers to the implementation of these provisions and whether the Bill takes account of them.

3. Whether there are any unintended consequences arising from the Bill.
4. The financial implications of the Bill (as set out in Part 2 of the Explanatory Memorandum (the Regulatory Impact Assessment), which estimates the costs and benefits of implementation of the Bill).

5. The appropriateness of the powers in the Bill for Welsh Ministers to make subordinate legislation (as set out in Part 1, paragraph 90 of the Explanatory Memorandum, which contains a table summarising the powers for Welsh Ministers to make subordinate legislation).

Invitation to contribute to the inquiry

The Committee welcomes evidence from those with an interest in this subject. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please provide a brief description of the role of your organisation.

The Committee welcomes contributions in English or Welsh and we ask organisations with Welsh Language policies/schemes to provide bilingual submissions, in line with their public information policies. The Committee will consider responses to the inquiry and hold oral evidence sessions during the spring term.

If you wish to submit evidence, please send an electronic copy of your submission to: HSCCommittee@wales.gov.uk

Alternatively, you can write to:

Sarah Sargent, Deputy Clerk
Health and Social Committee
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA.

Submissions should arrive by Friday 18 January. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.

For your information, the Committee has invited submissions from those on the attached distribution list. The Committee would be grateful if you could forward a copy of the letter to any individuals or organisations that are not included on this list, but might like to contribute to the inquiry. A copy of this letter has been placed on the Assembly’s website with an open invitation to submit views.

Disclosure of Information

It is normal practice for the Assembly to publish evidence provided to a Committee. Consequently, your response may appear in a report or in supplementary evidence to a report. The Assembly will not publish information it considers to be personal data.

In the event of a request for information submitted under UK legislation, it may be necessary to disclose the information that you provide. This may include
information which has previously been removed by the Assembly for publication purposes.

If you are providing any information, other than personal data, which you feel is not suitable for public disclosure, it is up to you to stipulate which parts should not be published and to provide a reasoned argument to support this. The Assembly will take this into account when publishing information or responding to requests for information.

Yours faithfully

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Consultees

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Welsh Ambulance Service
Public Health Wales
WHSSC
Clinical Leads for Organ Donation
Specialist Nurses for Organ Donation
NHS Blood and Transplant Board
Retrieval Teams
All Wales Renal Network
Board of Community Health Councils
Critical Care Networks
Cardiac Networks
The All Wales Organ and Transplant Advisory Group
Royal College of Surgeons
Royal College of Physicians
British Transplant Society
College of Emergency Medicine
Welsh NHS Confederation
Royal College of Anaesthetists
Royal College of General Practitioners
Royal College of Nursing
Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health
Royal College of Pathologists
Royal College of Midwives
Royal College of Ophthalmologists
Royal College of Radiologists
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Paediatric Intensive Care Society
Welsh Intensive Care Society
Kidney Wales
Welsh Kidney Patients Association
Transplant 2013
Diabetes UK
British Heart Foundation
Epilepsy Action
Welsh Mental Health Alliance
Children in Wales
Welsh Neurological Alliance
British Lung Foundation
DeafBlindUK
Action on hearing loss (formally RNID)
Learning Disability Wales
MIND Manager for Influence and Change
Shelter Cymru
Cystic Fibrosis Trust
British Liver Trust
Live Life then Give Life
Disability Wales
British Organ Donor Society
Kidney Research UK
Haemophilia Society
Patient Concern
Human Tissue Authority
Donor Family Network
Hafal
National Autistic Society
Autism Cymru
Christian Action Research and Education (CARE)

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Shree Swaminarayan Temple
Sikh Council UK
Hindu Temple Whitchurch
Reform Judaism
Muslim Council for Wales
Inter-Faith Council for Wales
Access for Black Children with Disabilities
African Community Centre
British Humanist Association
Barnardos Neville Street Project
Black Association of Women Step Out
Black Voluntary Sector Network Wales (BVSNW)
Cardiff Gypsy and Traveller Project
Cardiff Traveller Education Service
Ethnic Youth Support Team
Minority Ethnic Womens Network Wales
North Wales Equality Network
Race Equality First
SEWREC
Somali Integration Society
Somali Progressive Association
South East Wales Race Equality Council
Swansea Bay Race Equality Council
Tai Pawb
Henna Foundation
Diverse Cymru
Valleys Equality Council
Wales Strategic Migration Partnership
Welsh Refugee Council

Children’s Commissioner
Older Peoples Commissioner
Equality and Human Rights Commission
Welsh Language Commissioner
Welsh Independent Healthcare Association
Welsh Local Government Association
One Voice Wales
CBI Wales
Wales Audit Office
Police Forces in Wales
Trade Unions

Responded to Welsh Government Consultation

Prof Ceri Phillips – Swansea University
Prof John Saunders – Organ Donation Committee, Neville Hall Hospital and Chair of Royal College of Physicians Committee on Ethical Issues in Medicine
Cardiff’s Islamic Social Services Association
Society for the Protection of Unborn Children
Baptist Union of Wales
Methodist Church in Wales
Orthodox Wales
Presbyterian Church of Wales
Royal Pharmaceutical Society Wales
Llantrisant Fawr Community Council
Llanarmon yn Lal Community Council
Sealand Community Council
Llanelli Town Council
Wales Orthodox Mission
Synod Cymru of the Methodist Church in Wales
Llangathen Community Council
Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine London
Mold Town Council
Monmouth Baptist Church
Llangunnor Community Council
Cartrefi Cymru Friday Night Project
The Law Society
Faculty of Health, Sport and Science, The University of Glamorgan
Soroptimist International Port Talbot
Pembroke Town Council
NHS Centre for Equality and Human Rights
Information Commissioner
Health, Ethics and Law, University of Southampton
Christian Medical Fellowship
UK Donation Ethics Committee
SKLP Community Centre
India Centre
Albany Road Baptist Church
Presteigne and Norton Town Council