

Health and Social Care Committee
Human Transplantation (Wales) Bill
HT(Ind)12 - Michael J Holt

To whomsoever is concerned!

I just want to register my complete opposition to organ donation by presumed consent.

All those, like myself, who have not been asked for their permission or agreement, need to live our lives in the confidence that the body we have belongs to us and will not be subject to state theft the moment we cease to breathe.

Based on confidences shared with me by NHS nursing sisters with experience in operating theatres I have absolutely no confidence that a person's end will not be hastened by the need to harvest organs for "use" elsewhere. I could give concrete situations when such things have happened, but, obviously, I have no intention of mentioning them.

Further to this, may I point out that the "presumed consent" argument assumes that human beings always operate in honest and transparent ways - that this is patently not the case is, to my mind, conclusive proof that the thesis is fundamentally flawed.

Very sincerely,

Michael J Holt - [Former teacher.]