

Health and Social Care Committee
Human Transplantation (Wales) Bill
HT(Ind)15 - Tony McNicholl

I wish to register my opposition to the proposal to introduce organ donation by 'presumed consent'.

These proposals raise serious ethical problems since presumed consent in effect equals no consent and organ donation should, in fact, be treated as a voluntary gift characterised by free will - not an obligation.

I can envisage that the pressure to remove organs while they are still 'fresh' within the dead body will result in there being no time available to check whether or not the person concerned had opted out of the proposed default scheme. There is also the danger that when someone is dying that death will be hastened so that the organs can be harvested, especially if the person has no relatives at hand.

Please acknowledge receipt of my objection.

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