

Health and Social Care Committee
Human Transplantation (Wales) Bill
HT(Ind)16 - Rod Sharp

Dear Sir,

I understand it is proposed to introduce a bill presuming consent to organ donation.

Whilst I understand there is a laudable motive of increasing organ donation behind this, I nevertheless think it is a bad move and urge that the bill be dropped.

This is because the proposals raise serious ethical problems since presumed consent in effect equals no consent. Organ donation should, in fact, be treated as a voluntary gift characterised by free will - not an obligation. The families of donors (and donors themselves) need to be congratulated for such decisions, rather than being grouped together with and treated as those who choose not to donate.

Yours,

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