

Health and Social Care Committee
Human Transplantation (Wales) Bill
HT(Ind)36 - Anonymous

Dear Sirs

I understand that in an effort to improve **organ donation** rates, the Welsh Government plans to introduce a system of presumed, or deemed, consent to Wales. If a person fails to make a decision about donating their organs after death, the state will presume that consent has been given.

The Christian Medical Fellowship has on a number of occasions expressed concern with the principles underpinning this Bill; I am adding my concerns and my family's concerns to theirs.

Responses to the initial public consultation and the subsequent draft Bill reflects **significant opposition** with both the **concept of introducing presumed consent** and the wording and **operation** of the draft Bill itself, from Christians both Catholic and Protestant and also the Muslim community.

Although the Welsh government has said all along that it will introduce 'soft' opt-out legislation, allowing the family of the deceased a role in the final decision, the Bill as it stands does not in fact allow for this.

While provision is made in the **draft memorandum** (p20), there is no provision in the Bill itself for providing distressed relatives with a right to object to the removal of organs when no consent was given by the deceased. I am voicing my objection to this bill