

Reply to request for consultation on Jo-Anne Dobson's Member's Bill

Northern Ireland Kidney Research Fund

The Northern Ireland Kidney Research Fund supports the proposed "Soft Opt Out" system. We see it as a way to increase the Organ Donor Register but have some reservations.

1. We are satisfied that living donation is adequately covered and managed by the Human Tissue Act.
2. As discussion with the family is pivotal we would stress the necessity for education for all potential donors to enable them to arrive at an informed decision.
3. The opt out system we would like to see applicable from age 16.
4. Clause 4. Simplified to "Unless an objection can be recorded" would facilitate decision making for those involved at such a sensitive time.