

PE1453/B

Petitioner Letter of 8 January 2013

Hello Chris

I was asked to provide some additional information following our appearance at the petitions committee in December – opt-out organ donation.

1. The level of support for opt-out in Wales.
2. The most recent survey showing level of support across the UK.

The explanatory memorandum for the Welsh Bill (para 16) refers to two recent (2012) surveys in Wales showing nearly two thirds of Welsh people in favour of the change. The memorandum can be found at:

<http://www.senedd.assemblywales.org/mqIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=5178>

Regarding UK support, the BMA still refer to a study undertaken by the Organ Donation Taskforce in 2008, which found that 72% of those questioned supported a shift to an opt-out system. (Reference: Organ donation Taskforce (2008) The potential impact of an opt out system for organ donation in the UK – A report from the Organ Donation Taskforce. Supporting Information. Department of Health, London, Annex J,p. 43). I'm not aware of anything more recent.

Thanks

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