

Health and Social Care Committee
Human Transplantation (Wales) Bill
HT(Ind)4 - Kevin Harrington

Hi,

I would like to submit my views on the above Bill.

My views are straightforward.

We know that many people die each year because of a shortage of organ donors.

We all know that this doesn't need to happen, there is an infinite supply of organs available from the deceased.

All of us know that when we become deceased, we no longer have any use for our organs however there is a great shortage of donors.

There is something in us which makes us hold back from joining the organ donation register, but I believe that we need a little push to change this aspect of our culture.

I joined the register last year after watching the advert where a person goes from being healthy but not having time to join the register, to suffering organ failure and desperately needing one.

I don't relish the thought of having my organs cut out of my body, however this advert made an impression on me. I realised that I was a hypocrite because if I suffered organ failure I would expect the NHS to close its arms around me and go find an organ before I die.

However I was a little squeamish about the thought of having my own organs removed. I still am, but that advert tilted me in the right direction, it made me think a little harder about this issue.

So I support the introduction of this Bill.

Regards,

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