

Health and Social Care Committee
Human Transplantation (Wales) Bill
HT(Ind)84 - Jill Hutchinson

Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing as a private individual, who works as an accredited counsellor. Whilst I personally would be glad to donate any of my organs to assist with research or for transplants, I believe that the proposed legislation amounts to no consent, as it will be impossible to guarantee that every member of the public is informed of the law and the procedures for opting out.

As a counsellor I have some experience of the distress experienced by bereaved individuals, whose loved-ones have not been treated at or after death in what they consider a respectful way. Again, it would not be against my personal beliefs had one or more organs been removed from a close friend or relative, but I think for many people it would be extremely upsetting.

I would therefore urge you to reconsider your proposals and not to proceed with the introduction of this legislation.

Yours truly

Jill Hutchinson