

Health and Social Care Committee
Human Transplantation (Wales) Bill
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As a doctor, I fully agree with the importance of organ donation.

I am concerned that absence of stated consent should be taken as presumptive evidence of agreement.

Agreement of closest relatives is vital if no opinion has been recorded. It would be far better to encourage statements of consent during life, by increasing news coverage and highlighting this need in doctors' surgeries.

Legislating can only undermine the doctor-patient relationship and lead to a lack of trust by the electorate in those who govern.

Yours sincerely

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