

Attitudes towards organ and tissue donation after death

Willingness to donate organs and tissue after death

did not think they needed to register because of the opt-out system (50%)

1 in 2



3 in 4 are willing to donate (72%)

feel their family and friends know their donation wishes

73%



80%

have confidence that their wishes would be respected

82%

Feel they have enough information to make an informed choice about their organ and tissue donation decision

85%

Feel able to have a conversation with a family member or loved one about their organ and tissue donation decision

75%

Trust the organ and tissue donation system in Scotland

76%

Support the opt-out system for organ and tissue donation in Scotland

Awareness and understanding of organ and tissue donation

Of those that are aware of the opt-out system, half don't know/ can't remember where they first heard of this from



88%

are aware of Scotland's opt-out system

86%

understand presumed consent

66%

have discussed donation decisions with family or friends

55%

know how to register a donation decision



What people believe happens if a person dies and a decision hasn't been registered:

56%

Donation may go ahead under the opt out system, with family consulted

21%

Donation is usually considered only after asking the family what they want to happen

What people believe about organ and tissue donation:

60%

Families are always asked about a person's latest donation views

68%

You do not have to register to be considered a donor

"Made me realise gaps in my knowledge and that we haven't discussed this recently."

"I think I need to look at this again and make sure I am aware of all that is involved regarding registration..."

"I think a public information campaign would be helpful to both raise awareness and stimulate discussion and sharing of views."

