

Dear Secretary of Masjid Committee & Imam,

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I did send/published before the 2 letters against Presumed consent.

The attachment below is **the form** to be signed by the Muslims in your mosque ..especially on Friday prayer, please print out it`s copies separate from this message to sign,

After signing, you can send it direct to Cardiff (Address on top of the form).

BUT BEFORE PLEASE MAKE SURE TO KEEP COPIES/photocopies with them of all the signed forms

Time is short,you have to make it ready for next Friday prayer

Alternatively, spread the message that any person in the mosques/UK can send few lines letter/personal letter to oppose Presumed/Deemed consent .

You can send your letter by E-mail to:organdonation@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Or by post to: Organ Donation Legislation Team, Medical Directorate, 4th Floor, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ

We like to keep the law as it on organ donation

As any one today interested in giving his/her organs can fill easily a card/form to register .

I am available 24 hours for any query on:

07944 240 622 or 0208 345 6220

Thank you

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Dr A Majid Katme

Spokesman: Islamic Medical Association/UK

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Take copies of below form to sign and send it to the address on its top

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To :Organ Donation Legislation Team
Medical Directorate
4th Floor , Cathays Park
CARDIFF
CF10 3NQ

Submission to the Consultation on Organ & tissue Transplantation

I am opposed to the Welsh Government's draft bill on 'deemed' consent/Presumed consent. Changing the word does not change the policy of taking organs without explicit consent. The change of word is confusing. It is also misleading to include the word 'consent' when no true consent is given. Deemed consent is no consent at all.

In the notes on the consultation document on the draft bill I read that "In deemed consent cases (people close to the deceased) ...are not required to give their consent to the donation." So much for the 'soft' opt -out.

Many problems will arise concerning the registration of wishes as there are **many people who are not aware** of this policy, especially our own Muslim community.

The issue of organ donation and transplantation is not accepted by all Muslims ,some Fatawas by some Muslim scholars in Islam opposed the principle of organ transplantation.

So it is unethical and wrong to take the organs from these Muslims when they die.

The consultation processes since Dec.2011 have been rushed, much too brief and show little desire to ensure a majority of Welsh residents have even heard of this proposal let alone responded.

It is unacceptable that people living outside Wales will be treated as having opted in if they reside in Wales for such a short period as six months

The proposals ignore the fact that there is an area of scientific dispute about whether '**brain stem death' is actual death.** This is a question of great ethical importance. The public are largely unaware that **their hearts may be beating when organs are removed**(this can not be accepted by the Muslims). They are also unaware of the common practices of **paralyzing** and (sometimes) anaesthetizing supposedly brain dead donors before their organs are removed. Ideas of informed consent, let alone 'deemed' consent are meaningless unless such facts are openly discussed and considered.

Spain is often cited as a country where 'presumed consent' has been successful but Prof. Rafael Matesanz (founder of the transplantation service) said in his article in the British Medical Journal in 2010 Presumed consent: a distraction in the quest for increasing rates of organ donation, "in fact what Spain has shown is that the highest levels of organ donation can be obtained while respecting the autonomy of the individual and family, and without presumed consent." They have such a law of presumed consent in Spain but they do not use it.

Working parties such as the U.K. Organ Donation Taskforce and the Wales Organ Donation Implementation Group have come out **against** presumed or deemed consent. Why is the Welsh Govt. pressing ahead with it?

In other medical contexts informed consent is the gold standard ; why not where organ donation is concerned? It is not donation but the taking of organs "BY FORCE" and against the permission of the dead person or his/her relatives.

Finally, we like to recommend **to keep the present system on organ donation as it is** and we do not to interfere or change the present law:

Any one interested to give his/her organs after death can do so easily during his/her life by filling and sending the donor card. Here there is a clear informed choice and decision and a real genuine donation (a gift).

Name (in CAPITAL LETTERS PLEASE)

Address

Signature

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