**Essay plan**

**Introduction**

**General background information on the topic**

*Facts/importance of the topic =*

*- around* 7,332 ppl in the UK are in the transplant waiting list

- On average 3 people a day die in need of a transplant

- Wales has a deemed consent system (automatically treated as an organ donor if the person didn’t register a decision on the NHS organ donation UK)

*Definitions =* Organ donation takes healthy organs and tissues from one person for [transplantation](https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/organtransplantation.html) into another, examples of organs that can be donated: Kidneys, heart, liver, pancreas, intestines, and lungs. --\*

The opt-out organ donation system 🡺 a consent presumption for all citizens to donate their organs

*Rewording / expansion of the question = problems mentioned in the background 🡺*Therefore, in order to save the lives of people who are in need of organs; the opt-out system might be a solution.

**Thesis Statement**

*Direction of argument =* This essay will argue that organ donation should apply on all citizens automatically at birth…

*How topic will be subdivided = to increase the organ donation rate, encourage others to donate their organs,* and it will not change the right of freedom of choice regarding families decisions.

**Paragraph 1**

**Topic Sentence** = **A fundamental argument about the implementation of an opt-out scheme regarding organ donation is that the system will increase the donation rate, and will provide more donated organs.**

*Support idea 1 =* Firstly, applying a presumed consent scheme will raise the organ donation rate.

*Evidence/Example/Analysis for support idea 1 =* countries such as Spain, Austria that adopt an opt-out system have higher donation rates than those that do not --\*

*-* There is a study that shows the difference between countries that follows the opt-out system have a higher rate by 25 to 30 per cent than other countries that have an opt-in system

*dSupport idea 2****\**** *=*Secondly**,** a reason that is linked to the increasing of the donation rate is that the availability of donated organs will increase, especially for people who are in need of kidneys.

*Evidence/Example/Analysis for support idea 2 = in the UK, 90% of the patients who are in the waiting list of the transplant organs, are waiting for kidneys. Therefore, the deemed consent system will provide more organs according to the first point mentioned, so it would solve the problem of lacking kidneys.*

*Paragraph conclusion (optional) =*

**Paragraph 2**

**Topic Sentence** = **Another reason to apply the organ donation presumed consent system is to reduce the illegal organ supplies, and it will affect the black market negatively.**

*Support idea 1 =* Firstly, The presumed consent scheme is a great influential for people to make a decision that could save many lives.

*Evidence/Example/Analysis for support idea 1 =* According to the Helen Reilly (2013), the BMA in Scotland think that the opt-out system is one of many factors that has a huge influence for any culture that is following the deemed consent system.

*Support idea 2****\**** *=*Secondly, people should not be worried about how the opt-out system will transplant their organs to the right person.

*Evidence/Example/Analysis for support idea 2 =* The presumed consent system does not select the patients who are in the waiting list for organs randomly (Fajuri 2014). The system transplants the donated organs to the person who is really in need of the organ; therefore, it picks by priority despite wealthy and poor people (ibid).

*Paragraph conclusion (optional) =*

**Paragraph 3**

**Topic Sentence** = **A final argument is that the deemed consent system will still respect families’ decisions, feelings, and it will include fair methods on selecting organ patients by priority.**

*Support idea 1 =* The presumed consent system takes the decision of the family of the deceased person as a priority before taking any actions.

*Evidence/Example/Analysis for support idea 1 =* According to Helen Reilly (2013), the family member of the deceased individual might be asked if they had any information about the dead person regarding opting out from organ donation system.

*Support idea 2****\**** *=*The system will not allow any actions that could affect the family’s emotions if they had no information about their beloved ones about willing to opt out from the program or not.

*Evidence/Example/Analysis for support idea 2 =* If the relatives were not aware of any objection, they would be informed that donation would proceed. There would, however, be scope not to proceed if it became evident that to do so would cause severe distress to the relatives (Reilly 2013). --\*

*Support idea 3****\**** *=* People should not be worried about how the opt-out system will transplant their organs to the right person.

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*Paragraph conclusion (optional) =*

**Conclusion**

*Restate main arguments from body paragraphs =*

*Ensure the essay question has been answered and that the thesis statement has been fully*

*dealt with. =*

*Overall significance of ideas: what can be learned from the arguments made in the essay? =*

*Future suggestions and implications. =*