

This response was submitted to the consultation held by the Nuffield Council on Bioethics on Give and take? Human bodies in medicine and research between April 2010 and July 2010. The views expressed are solely those of the respondent(s) and not those of the Council.

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Dear sir/madam,

I understand the council is currently gauging opinion on the possibility of paying organ donors.

Frankly, the thought of this happening horrifies me. This could encourage people with financial problems to risk their lives simply to get money. There is also the possibility that some people may be motivated by greed and lie about their medical history (e.g. drug abuse.) This would put recipients at risk.

A much better way to solve the shortage of donors would be to introduce an opt out system.

Yours sincerely

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