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QUESTIONS ANSWERED:

Question 2

ANSWER:

Not post mortem.

Question 3

ANSWER:

Yes. Any action post mortem can have no effect on the donor.

Question 4

ANSWER:

Post mortem: efficient collection and total disposal (after using anything useful) would relieve kin of any burden.

Question 6

ANSWER:

post mortem: any

Question 7

ANSWER:

post mortem: any purpose (it is quite irrelevant to me)

Question 8

ANSWER:

na

Question 9

ANSWER:

post mortem: none

Question 10

ANSWER:

post mortem: all decisions made by clinicians with no considerations other than practicability.

Question 12

ANSWER:

post mortem: all bodies should be available (I don't think corpses can have moral duties!)

Question 14

ANSWER:

Yes

Question 15

ANSWER:

No

Question 16

ANSWER:

No incentives, except: 1. Make system more efficient and uniform; 2. Provide comprehensive collection and disposal of 'left-overs' to remove burden from kin.

Question 17

ANSWER:

No

Question 18

ANSWER:

Yes, collection and disposal (incinerator) should be automatic.

Question 21

ANSWER:

No

Question 22

ANSWER:

post mortem: na

Question 23

ANSWER:

post mortem: yes

Question 25

ANSWER:

(a) none at all Definitely no veto.

Question 26

ANSWER:

post mortem; the state

Question 27

ANSWER:

No (apart from free collection and cheapest disposal of 'left-overs').

Question 28

ANSWER:

Nationalize them.

Question 29

ANSWER:

post mortem: no control

Question 30

ANSWER:

The supply could be increased if the various bodies involved were to rationalise and make uniform their rules. It would also help if they could liaise or at least be aware of each other's presence. I have been inquiring to The National Register, The Brain Research Centres and the Whole Body (Anatomy Research) and the whole system is illogical, disorganised and totally disjointed.