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**Health** Britain's first opt-out organ donation scheme was given the go-ahead in Wales. Adults who die in Wales and have lived there for more than a year will be assumed to consent to their organs being harvested unless they have stated otherwise. Bereaved families who object to the procedure will be able to halt it. It is hoped the scheme will cut the number of people who die while waiting for a transplant. The law is expected to come into force in 2015.

Mark Drakeford, the Welsh health minister, said: "This is a huge day for Wales, for devolution and, most importantly, for the 226 people in Wales waiting for an organ transplant."

However, Joyce Robins, of Patient Concern, said: "This legislation will result in human bodies being treated like clapped-out cars."

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