

URGENT: Vulnerable Scots at Risk from Assisted Suicide

Care Not Killing (CNK), supported by the Catholic Parliamentary Office, has launched a petition which aims to stop plans to legalise assisted suicide.

Liam McArthur MSP, has indicated that he expects to introduce his assisted suicide bill at Holyrood in early 2023, so we must act quickly.

This bill risks undermining the provision of palliative care and undermining efforts to prevent suicide. It will make the most vulnerable people, including the elderly and disabled, feel like a burden and its safeguards will prove futile.

The current law is the best safeguard

The state ought to support the provision of care, not deliberate killing, for those at the end of life.

If assisted suicide becomes law in Scotland:

- Pressure will increase on those people who are vulnerable, disabled or elderly to end their lives prematurely - in Oregon, a majority of those who end their lives by assisted suicide cite the fear of being a burden on their families, friends and carers as a reason for choosing to die - only 1-in-3 people cite fear of pain
- The number of deaths will increase over time
- The law will be extended to conditions other than terminal illness
- Economic pressures will come to bear on decision making
- Ultimately, even non-terminally ill and possibly disabled children (who are unable to give informed consent) are likely to be eligible to be helped to die

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