End of Life Assistance (Scotland) Bill

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Do you agree a person should be able to request end of life assistance from a registered medical practitioner?
Absolutely not, no-one has the right to end their life, ultimately it’s a gift from God which should be treasured, protected and upheld by the law. The groups of people named eligible in this Bill are the most vulnerable in society. These people would be frightened, scared and depressed. By even entertaining the notion of assisted death, this is sending a message to these people that they are an inconvenience to their family, society and would be better off dead. Rather than wasting time, money and effort on this heinous & frankly evil bill we should be ploughing our efforts into supporting & comforting our sick & dying to make their lives and their families lives more bearable.

Are you satisfied with the requirements for age and connection with Scotland as set out in the Bill?
I was horrified to read the minimum age requirement. At 16 years old life is confusing enough even for those in the best of health and stable mental state. In Scotland at 16 years old you can’t consume alcohol or buy cigarettes, it’s outrageous to even suggest a 16 year old should be allowed to request their assisted death.

Are you satisfied with the two categories of people who would qualify to be assisted under the terms of the Bill?
I don’t believe any category of person should be able to request their assisted death, most of all the vulnerable categories of people outlined in this Bill. Naturally the types of people named in this Bill would be in pain, terrified and depressed but rather than help end their lives prematurely we as human beings should alleviate their despair & concerns without deliberately ending their lives.

The Bill outlines a several stage consent and verification process that would be required to be followed for an eligible person to receive end of life assistance. Are you satisfied with this process?
I would not support this Bill under any circumstance, regardless of the number of consent stages and verification processes. There could be no approval process put in place that would persuade me to support this Bill.

Do you consider the level and nature of safeguards as set out in the Bill to be appropriate?
No, similarly to the point above I could not condone this Bill with any level of safeguards implemented. I find the entire document disturbing and unnatural. This Bill is being sold as a merciful killing but is a means of preying on the most vulnerable people in society. No doubt its true motive is to save money on services to the sick and disabled.

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