End of Life Assistance (Scotland) Bill

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I am concerned about the bill as a whole – in general about human life in any form being devalued.

I am however also very concerned about the possibility that a G.P. would have to inform a patient that assisted suicide was one of the possible treatments for their medical condition. I feel this would be putting the idea into the head of a very vulnerable person who may not have ever considered that possibility. Also an older person might be put in the position of believing that this was what was really on offer and they would be using up Health Service money if they did not accept.

I think many G.P.s would be put in an intolerable position and be forced to be part of something which was very much against their beliefs.

I think much more money should be put into palliative care services so patients can be assured that at the end of life they would receive adequate care and be treated with dignity.

Throughout the Bill I feel the safeguards set out are inadequate.

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