End of Life Assistance (Scotland) Bill

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I would like to register my opposition to The End of Life Assistance (Scotland) Bill.

I believe that every life is precious and that medical professionals should not be asked to support assisted suicide. Also it is impossible to guarantee there would be no abuse. Had Harold Shipman been at large today he would have welcomed this Bill and we do not know whether there are others in the same position of trust today, or in years to come, who would abuse this Bill.

If this Bill is passed everyone, including those on the Committee may find themselves – or someone they care about - at some time in the future being pressurised into believing they are a waste of NHS resources and a drain on society. Ending up believing the only “decent” thing they can do is agree to end their life.

I believe this Bill should be scrapped.

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