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?

No. I do not agree that any person should request end of life assistance from and medical practitioner or anyone else

Are you satisfied with the requirements for age and connection with Scotland as set out in the Bill?

No.

Are you satisfied with the two categories of people who would qualify to be assisted under the terms of the Bill?

No. This is open to potential abuse and there are no ways of ever guarding against this.

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?

No, we should aim at providing excellent care (continuing or palliative) to those with chronic, debilitating or terminal illnesses. Should this be done efficiently and with a great deal of sensitivity and dignity majority of people will not seek to end their lives. People who fall within this group should never be seen as a burden on society

Do you consider the level and nature of safeguards as set out in the Bill to be appropriate?

No there will be no level and nature of safeguards that will be appropriate and that will not be open to potential abuse and exploitation of vulnerable people in the desperate time of need.

Do you have any other considerations on the Bill not included in answers to the above questions?

Unfortunately I think this bill is on ethical, trivializes the value in which society holds human life, puts a necessary pressure on the vulnerable patients as well as the doctors is looking after them. We as a society should be concentrating on the alleviating pain and suffering in a humane, dignified, caring and exemplary way such that people do not feel that they have to end their lives in order to get rid of their emotional or physical suffering. There are many people who wished to end their lives for various medical and non-
medical reasons that are alive today and are very thankful that they did not do that, after receiving adequate care and support.

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