

**Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021**

**Submission No.:** 47

**Submitted by:** [REDACTED]

**Publication:** Making the submission public but withholding your name

**Position:** I/We do not support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill

**Comments in relation to:** Safeguards, Conscientious objection by either individuals or entities, Oversight and review

**Attachments:** No attachment

**Submitter Comments:**

This Assisted Suicide Bill could be used, now or in the future, to force many doctors against their conscience and will to participate in euthanasia against their conscience in the taking of human life, contrary to their personal beliefs and convictions.

The majority of doctors, nurses and other medical professionals do not support VAD as a solution to end of life suffering, especially when there is a great lack of investment in palliative care.

This Bill will open a Pandora's box to elder abuse, and increased suicide rates as evidenced in Europe, Canada and the United States where it has been legalised.