

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Publication: Making the submission public but withholding your name
Position: I/We do not support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill
Comments in relation to: Other
Attachments: No attachment

Submitter Comments:

I have looked at the the draft of the proposed legislation and as far as I can see there has been no mention of palliative care being offered at any of the stages of consultation with the first or successive doctors. The draft doesn't mention that it may have been offered at any of the same stages. If someone has been diagnosed with a terminal disease as a result of which they may suffer and do not wish to suffer then palliative care is a worthy alternative to assisting someone to die. Assisting someone to end their life is filled with many ethical considerations and cannot ever be a process that isn't open to corruption or coercion. I personally do not endorse assisted dying as it is suicide with help and I believe there is always an alternative to this and palliative care goes a long way to doing this and allowing those to pass with dignity.