

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Position: I/We do not support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill
Comments in relation to: Conscientious objection by either individuals or entities
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Submitter Comments:

I have spent 48 years in medical practice, both general and specialist and am recently retired. I have been a patient myself undergoing multiple stressful and very painful procedures. I have seen many patients dying with incurable and painful conditions. The notion that a doctor responsible for the care of patient should be given the power to terminate a life is to me repellent. Personally, that would destroy any trust that I would have in that practitioner. I can think of many circumstances where such authority, individual or collective could be abused. On many occasions in my experience, the palliative treatment which is given eases the pain and hastens the end of a terrible illness, but that is quite different from deliberate intervention to kill a fellow human. I strongly believe that, as compassionate doctors, we should try to relieve suffering to the fullest extent short of making the ultimate decision to prematurely terminate a human life.