

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

**Submission No.:** 323  
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**Publication:** Making the submission and your name public  
**Position:** I/We support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill but recommend some changes to it.  
**Comments in relation to:** Eligibility criteria\*  
**Attachments:** No attachment

**Submitter Comments:**

The eligibility criteria for VAD as proposed are too narrow, being restricted to terminally ill patients. In fairness, people with a chronic, incurable condition, physical or mental, should be given the same option. This category should include people with a genetic history of dementia/Alzheimers, who would exercise the right to opt for VAD at the onset of dementia via a Statutory Declaration, witnessed by their GP and Lawyer.