

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

**Submission No.:** 1065  
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**Publication:** Making the submission and your name public  
**Position:** I/We support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill  
**Comments in relation to:** Eligibility criteria\* ,The request and assessment process,Conscientious objection by either individuals or entities  
**Attachments:** No attachment

**Submitter Comments:**

Eligibility - Strict eligibility requirements in place. It is reasonable to have a requirement for likely death within 12 months. I am also pleased to see that mental health by itself does not make a person eligible. Decision making capacity is useful to understand, although there is a risk that this may be diminished by the course of the illness.

Request process - seems to be a bit long, but that is understandable as the goal is to make certain that the person's wishes are considered.

Conscientious objection - appropriate to have, as well as the requirement to offer the person options for continuing the process. It would be interesting to know how this will be managed in practice.