

Health and Environment Committee

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Re: I oppose the "Voluntary Assisted Dying" Bill

Dear Health Committee Members,

I have a number of concerns with this Bill. My main ones are in regards to the qualifications of the Doctors able to perform or authorise assisted suicide and not having proper training with 'end of life' planning and treatment. That a junior GP and not a specialist could be responsible for this kind of decision is wrong. I also question the morality and fairness of forcing Doctors to refer people to 'assisted suicide' making them complicit to the patients death whether they want to be or not. I have a sister currently unwell. Her mental ability to decide on something this important shifts depending on her health and emotional state on any given day. Can someone with impaired mental and emotional function really be trusted to make such an important decision truly? Not in my experience. This is an incredibly dangerous and slippery slope.

Sincerely,
Jodie Dean