

## **Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill 2012 – Consultative Period, to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

Herewith my comments, as a private individual, in response to the questions asked in the consultative document.

**Q 1** Do you support the general aim of the proposed Bill (as outlined above)?  
Please indicate “yes/no/undecided” and explain the reasons for your response.

Ans:

**Q 2** What do you see as the main practical advantages of the legislation proposed?  
What (if any) would be the disadvantages?

Ans:

**Q 3** Do you consider that the suggested eligibility requirements are appropriate?  
If not, please explain which criterion or criteria you would like to see altered, in what ways, and why.

Ans:

**Q 4** What is your general view on the merits of pre-registration (as described in the document)?  
Do you have any comments on what pre-registration should consist of, and on whether it should be valid for a set period of time?

Ans:

**Q 5** Do you have any comment on the process proposed for the first and second formal requests (for example in terms of timings and safeguards)?

Ans:

**Q 6** Do you think a time-limit of 28 days (or some other period) is an appropriate safeguard against any deterioration of capacity?

Ans:

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**Q 7** Do you agree that the presence of a disinterested, trained facilitator should be required at the time the medication is taken?  
Do you have any comments on the system outlined for training and licensing facilitators?

Ans:

**Q 8** What sort of documentation and evidence is likely to be required?  
In particular, how important is it that the process is filmed?

Ans:

**Q 9** What is your assessment of the likely financial implications of the proposed Bill to your organisation?  
Do you consider that any other financial implications could arise?

Ans:

**Q 10** Is the proposed Bill likely to have any substantial positive or negative implications for equality?  
If it is likely to have a substantial negative implication, how might this be minimised or avoided?

Ans:

**General Commentary:**

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