

To The Assisted Suicide Policy Team
Crown Prosecution Service Headquarters - 6th floor
50 Ludgate Hill
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Dear Sirs or Mesdames,

Reference to ‘Interim policy for prosecutors in respect of assisted suicide’

I am writing to raise objections to the above policy.

Suicide is a terrible act of a desperate person. For anyone to assist another person to commit suicide is a dreadful thing to do.

Life is sacred from the moment of conception to natural death. No one, other than God Himself, has the right to end life.

Care and compassion should be given to those contemplating suicide; treatment that will replace despair with hope should be available.

Palliative care is so advanced today that no one needs to experience insufferable pain.

More assistance should be made available to expand the 'hospice' movement to allow the terminally ill to die naturally, with pain relieving treatment, and with the compassion and love of their family around them.

It should not be right to say that the following are factors against prosecution

- a) The victim had a terminal illness or
- b) The victim had a severe and incurable condition or
- c) The victim had a severe degenerative condition.

Nor -that

- d) The suspect was the spouse, partner or a close relative of the victim.

The proposed legislation flies in the face of every religious and human ethic and will eventually lead to the casual dismissal of a troublesome pensioner or relative.

If the above policy is approved there is a grave danger that people will see that either

1. It is their duty to commit suicide or
2. That family members/carers may suggest to victims that they should do so knowing that prosecution is unlikely.

I believe that this will do a great deal to destroy trust even within families.

Killing a human being, whatever their state of health, has been, is and always will be, wrong.

I/we the undersigned object to this legislation and its implications.