

Dear Members of Senedd Cymru,

As health care professionals, we are deeply concerned about the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. We have worked across the nation with vulnerable patients and in under-resourced health and social care services. Those who are distressed as they face a terminal illness deserve better. The inequity in provision of specialist palliative care and hospice beds is well known and articulated in Marie Curie report 'At Breaking Point - time to transform end of life care in Wales' (March 2025). The 2022 Quality statement for palliative and end of life care in Wales is ambitious but unachieved. We know that care provision currently fails too many, but this Bill is not the answer.

The Bill's definition of terminal illness fails to recognise the risks from mistaken diagnosis or misinformation. Accurate prognostication is impossible.

The Mental Capacity Act (MCA 2005) was not designed to assess suicidality. A full psychosocial and mental health assessment should be required for a person who presents with suicidal ideation, whether they are terminally ill or not. This Bill's proposals undermine the 'The Suicide Prevention and Self-harm Delivery Plan for Wales 2025-2028'.

Patients will be eligible to access lethal drugs if they feel a burden or because of a lack of services. Coercion is often covert and difficult to detect, particularly when undue influence comes from family or from a person with authority.

The oversight within this Bill is inadequate. The panel does not need to see the patient. The MHRA does not need to regulate the drugs. The coroner does not need to review the death. There is no mechanism for independent scrutiny of the assisted dying service, for appeal against panel approval or redress for distressed family members.

Will the Senedd concur with UK Parliament providing patients the means to take their own lives when we know they will not get a hospice bed or meaningful counselling? In 2024, Senedd Cymru was strongly opposed to the ideology of the introduction of assisted dying in Wales.

The Bill contains sweeping Henry VIII powers, which have been extensively criticised by the Constitution Committee. These powers would allow the Secretary of State to make regulations directly impacting Wales and disrespects our devolved independence in healthcare.

We urge the Senedd to decline legislative consent connected to this deeply flawed Bill.

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