



# ELECTION 2026: USE YOUR VOTE FOR A PRO-LIFE SCOTLAND

An official Government working group recently proposed the broadest and most sweeping extension of abortion law since it was legalised in 1967 – including:

- removing all grounds for abortion up to 24-week's gestation
- allowing for abortion up to birth if two doctors 'deem it appropriate'
- decriminalising abortion
- enshrining a 'right to abortion'

At the other end of life, a dangerous Bill to legalise assisted suicide was only defeated at the eleventh hour - and further attempts are sure to come.





This election could be crucial for human life - use your vote to defend and protect it!



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## WHERE DO THEY STAND?

A guide to the positions of the parties standing for election in Scotland in 2026 on abortion and assisted suicide. Statements are taken from party manifestoes or official statements. "Vote" refers to the final vote on Liam Mcrthur's Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill on 17 March 2026.

PARTY	POSITION ON ABORTION	POSITION ON ASSISTED SUICIDE
	Manifesto says: "We do not support the restriction of existing abortion legislation as abortion is a legal right, and we will protect that right." They commit to consulting on the recommendations of the Abortion Law review, "including on decriminalisation within the specified term limits."	<b>Vote: 37 MSPs for, 22 against, 1 abstention.</b> No explicit mention in manifesto. They commit to continued delivery of the Palliative Care Matters for All Strategy, increasing funding to £9.4 million this year, and developing a new funding model for hospices.
	No mention in manifesto.	<b>Vote: 6 for, 22 against, 0 abstentions.</b> No mention in manifesto, but includes commitments to end of life and social care.
	Manifesto says they will "Protect women's reproductive rights, ensuring that they are able to access the full range of reproductive services, no matter where they live."	<b>Vote: 3 for, 17 against, 0 abstentions.</b> No mention in manifesto, but includes commitments to end of life and social care.
	Manifesto says: "The Scottish Greens believe access to abortion is a fundamental right". They commit to removing all abortion offences and the two-doctor sign off for abortion.	<b>Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.</b> No mention in manifesto, but includes commitments to end of life and social care.
	Manifesto says: "We will treat abortion as a healthcare issue and give MSPs the opportunity to vote on decriminalization."	<b>Vote, 4 for, 1 against.</b> No mention in manifesto, but includes commitments to end of life and social care. When asked about bringing assisted suicide legislation back in the next Parliament, party leader Alex Cole-Hamilton said: "I would hope it would be brought back in the next parliament."
	No mention in manifesto.	<b>Vote: 0 for, 1 against, 0 abstentions.</b> No mention in manifesto.
	According to their website, they "value every human life in the womb and affirm his or her right to life...Ultimately, we would like to see the law protect every human life by banning abortion in all cases except where the mother's life is endangered."	<b>Vote: no elected MSPs.</b> They "oppose the introduction of assisted suicide and euthanasia (now misleadingly labelled as 'assisted dying')."

The seven largest parties by number of candidates are shown. For full information on all parties and individual candidates, go to [www.spuc.org.uk/scottiselection](http://www.spuc.org.uk/scottiselection), or scan the QR code



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