

PE1911/UU: Review of Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006 as it relates to post-mortems

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It would seem those involved in all of this do not care that they are destroying the lives of innocent families. I know we will never get over this, nor will Richard's brother and sister, their lives are ruined too, with the horror of all of this. What kind of country are we living in?

How would you feel if this was one of your loved ones, in a non-suspicious death?

This should be the CHOICE of the next of kin if they want a cause of death, a likely cause, uncertain recorded or to request a post-mortem by scanner.

Choice is important. Organ donation is a choice as people can opt out. The Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill is currently going through Parliament.

The non-suspicious deaths must be removed from the Procurator Fiscal they are **not criminal**, and they are destroying the lives of INNOCENT families. There is a shortage of resources and the resource they have should be used on Murder/suspicious cases!

People are jailed for stealing, yet pathologists can help themselves to parts of a person and share them out with organisations! People are jailed for fighting (bodily harm), yet pathologists can rip a person apart and get away with this. What kind of country are we living in?

Who in their right mind would think all of this is acceptable!

We had a discussion with the Lord Advocate regarding all of this, she advised it is for MSPs to change the law, and that she would support.

The public vote to put people in Parliament to work on their behalf to make this country a better and fairer place to live in, it's certainly not the case at present. The public have lost faith, I was even advised I was wasting my time. But I cannot sit back and have another family going through this unbearable pain due to others and this cruel current law – as someone advised this is mental cruelty caused by the law! The next of kin in non-suspicious deaths are being drained of life themselves due to this law. There is something wrong in society when people in positions of power think they are better than us, and therefore we shouldn't question them, and they are unaccountable to everyone! This has been highlighted by the recent blood transfusion scandal. We have witnessed this personally from our dealings with the Procurator Fiscal/Pathologists and Health-boards, treated like little people told to go away as they know best and we know nothing!

Please change this law, you have the power to do this!