



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

Dr Matthew Doré
Honorary Secretary
Association for Palliative Medicine of Great Britain and Ireland

26 November 2024

Dear Dr Doré,

Oral evidence: Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

I am writing in reference to your email to Members of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee of 17 November.

As I am sure you will be aware, the Committee received in excess of 20,000 responses to its call for written views on the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill. This included 144 responses from organisations as well as many more individual responses from a range of health practitioners, including those involved in palliative medicine and care.

Responses to the call for written views, including that provided by your organisation, will actively inform the Committee's scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1 and the drafting of a Stage 1 report.

As I am sure you will also appreciate, given the huge level of interest in this Bill, it is simply not possible for the Committee to accommodate oral evidence from anything but a small proportion of those who have contributed written evidence.

Within those constraints, in preparing its programme of oral evidence, the Committee has sought to invite witnesses representing a broad range of views and interests, while also focusing on key provisions within the Bill as introduced.

In this context, I regret that it was not possible to accommodate the Association for Palliative Medicine of Great Britain and Ireland within the Committee's planned programme of oral evidence.

Nonetheless, the Committee is very grateful for the written evidence you have contributed and will give this all due consideration as it continues its scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

Furthermore, should there be additional evidence you wish to contribute (including any that you feel may be relevant based on oral evidence), the Committee remains

Contact: Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP. Email HSCS.committee@Parliament.Scot. We welcome calls through Relay UK and in BSL through Contact Scotland BSL.

open to receiving further correspondence from interested stakeholders throughout the course of its Stage 1 scrutiny of the Bill.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CHaughey', written in a cursive style.

Clare Haughey MSP
Convener