

# Cross-Party Group on end-of-life choices

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2024 at 6pm GMT by zoom webinar

## Minute

### Present:

21 non-MSP members in person

13 non-MSP members online.

#### MSPs:

Rona MacKay MSP  
Liam McArthur MSP  
George Adam MSP  
Maggie Chapman MSP  
Patrick Harvie MSP  
Douglas Lumsden MSP  
Edward Mountain MSP  
Elena Whitham MSP

### Agenda Item 1: Welcome, introductions and apologies

Rona MacKay MSP expressed her gratitude to attendees. Apologies were from Rachael Hamilton MSP and Emma Cooper, Friends at the End. Rona MacKay introduced Tom Davies from Dignity in Dying UK as the speaker.

### Agenda item 2: Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated. One edit was made to correct an attendee's name. Rona MacKay MSP proposed the minutes and Gareth Morgan seconded.

### Agenda item 3: Matters arising

None

## Agenda item 4: Liam McArthur MSP Bill update

Liam McArthur advised the audience that his Bill was currently subject to public consultation and scrutiny by the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, the Delegated Powers Committee and the Finance Committee of the Scottish Parliament.

The Health Committee issued two calls for views which were open for submissions between Friday 7 June and Friday 16 August 2024:

- a short call for views for people who wished to express general opinions about the Bill as a whole.
- a detailed call for views for people, groups, bodies or organisations who wished to comment on specific aspects of the Bill.

The Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) is in the process of producing a detailed analysis of responses to both calls for views.

## Agenda item 5: Assisted Dying law reform across the UK update

Tom Davies, Dignity in Dying UK gave an update on the various attempts at legalising assisted dying across the UK. This included detailed information from Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Ireland and Westminster.

A Q&A followed for approx. 35 minutes.

## Agenda item 6: Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be decided in due course.

**The meeting closed at 7.05pm.**

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