

Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill: Consideration of additional testimonies

Note by the Clerk

Background

1. The Health, Social Care and Sport Committee completed taking oral evidence as part of its Stage 1 scrutiny of the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill at its meeting on 4 February 2025.
2. The Committee previously [responded to stakeholder correspondence](#), received during its scrutiny of the Bill, indicating its intention to engage with a number of organisations in an effort to identify individuals living with a terminal illness who would be willing to contribute personal testimonies about their experience and their views of the Bill.
3. To this end, the Committee has engaged with a number of organisations involved in the provision of frontline care and support for adults living with a terminal illness to explore options for those that may wish to contribute additional testimony to the Committee's scrutiny of the Bill.
4. The Committee engaged with those organisations to ensure the individuals concerned were offered a choice of formats in which to submit their testimony, whether they wished to be identified or to remain anonymous, and whether they wished their testimony to be made public or to remain private.
5. Throughout this process, the Committee has been careful to ensure that the autonomy of the individuals concerned is respected, that they are suitably supported, and that any associated practical barriers to participation are appropriately addressed.
6. The Committee has now received the following written testimonies from individuals living with a terminal illness:
 - [Anonymous testimony](#)
 - [R Flynn testimony](#)
7. The Committee is extremely grateful to those individuals who were able to contribute testimonies.

Today's meeting

8. At today's meeting, Members will have an opportunity, on the record, to reflect on the testimonies the Committee has received from adults living with a terminal illness, and their contribution towards its wider scrutiny of the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

Clerks to the Committee

March 2025