

Assisted Suicide Scotland 2023-28: Likely Reality

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This follows earlier contact about the Assisted Dying bill which is now before the Scottish parliament. If you read on, you will understand how this bill could change life in Scotland, in ways that will surprise and concern you, if it becomes law.

In 2015 the Canadian parliament overturned a ban on euthanasia, saying it deprived people of dignity and autonomy. In 2016, just like other places where state Dying/Suicide is legal, it accepted ideas similar to those in the Scottish bill by providing **safeguards** and **criteria**. eg it was **only** to be allowed for people suffering from a terminal illness whose death was 'reasonably foreseeable'.

Canada Today

After further debate and legal challenge, today anyone suffering from an illness or disability that 'cannot be relieved under conditions' that he or she 'considers acceptable' can get free state assisted suicide in Canada. In 2024 the Canadian parliament is expected to allow state assisted suicide for people who are mentally ill and even minors (under 12s).

The Daily Mail article below tells the stories of people in Canada today. Their lives have been changed in ways that the safeguards in 2016 promised would not happen.

For example, a 65 year old wheel chair-bound man with diabetes, epilepsy.... who was supported by state benefits. On turning 65, most of his disability benefits ended, so he applied for state assisted suicide. 'I don't want to die but I don't want to be homeless either'.

Poverty is not officially a criteria to receive state assisted suicide, but he says he never hid his circumstances from the doctor. 'He was honest with me. He basically said: 'I can see why you're doing this,' and he told me he'd administered MAiD (state assisted suicide) to people he knew were doing it because of poverty.'

To read the other examples in the article use the link

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-11548029>

(to access the article move the mouse over the link and then click – a small hand will appear – then left click your mouse)

Like other places, Canada shows us that allowing state assisted killing to become legal for any single situation opens the door to wider applications. The Canadian bill proposed protective **safeguards** and **criteria**, just like the Scottish bill does today. In Canada, like other countries, these protections were swept aside.

Alison McInness Lib Dem 2015

In the 2015 debate in the Scottish parliament on this topic, Alison McInness Lib Dem MSP explained why state assisted suicide is both dangerous and unfair.

“I come to this debate as a liberal and as a humanist. I do not accept that there is a right to die..... autonomy (personal choice) is not absolute – we are not entitled to exercise freedom that undermines or endangers the freedom of others..... we need to have choice with responsibility.”

“....in vulnerable people’s minds, the right to die will become a duty to die..... the state must not sanction assisted suicide.”

“In elevating the status of individual autonomy, we reduce the status of those who are dependent. Allowing assisted suicide would, over time, change the way we view and treat the elderly, the disabled, and the infirm.”

Dr. Will Johnston Family Physician, Professor - Vancouver, Canada

“Few Canadian doctors foresaw that “going neutral” would guarantee the arrival of euthanasia, or that they would have no option but to cooperate with supplying death on demand.

It has become all too easy to end patients’ lives.
Learn from our mistakes.”

Canada shows what could happen in Scotland within a few years. Is this what you want?

If you are concerned, please share this with as many people as you can,
especially in different parts of the country.

Ask them to urgently contact their MSP, and seven list MSPs,
and share the above concerns.

These MSPs are the people who will make the final decision,
which will affect us all, and those who follow us.

To find out more information log on to carenotkilling.scot

For local advice contact Brian 07947497797 or assisthelp04@gmail.com

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