

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Why would you people who sit in your ivory towers have to ask this question. I was under the impression we lived in a democracy. That only appears to be the case when it suits you. How dare you think you have the right to decide what people do with their lives. It is just that, **THEIR LIVES**.

My husband has had serious heart disease the doctors have never seen in one person before, for 15 years and I have looked after him. In the beginning, he was given 6 months to 2 years. Five years ago, I became his carer. He now, in addition to the heart disease, is an insulin dependent diabetic. I have to inject him three times a day, never having injected anyone before. He also now has been diagnosed with an inflamed thyroid, lung cancer which, along with everything else, is causing him a lot of pain, so is taking methadone as morphine wasn't working. He also takes steroids, both of these medications having massive side effects. The cancer has spread to his liver, kidney (one that is still working) and lymph node. Now it has spread to his brain and he is a neurological shell. He can't walk and is very limited what he can do. What sort of life is this for any human being? If an animal was half as sick as him, and the owner hadn't euthanized it, the RSPCA would be up in arms and fining them. Obviously, animals are more important to you lot. As much as I would like my husband to live forever, why is he being kept alive? Because some do-gooder in parliament thinks he should be. Forget your religion and go with your heart. The health system is in a terrible state, you continue to keep these patients alive. **WHY?**

I am his wife and next of kin, have Enduring Power of Attorney for medical and financial, but am not allowed to say the words to end his life without going to jail. **WHY NOT?**

In saying the above, I wholeheartedly do not believe families should be able to end relatives lives just to get the money. There must be ways of avoiding this.

As a carer and wife, I hate seeing my husband, who I love a lot, in this predicament. He would be distraught if he knew just how ill he is.

No wonder the medical system is in such a shambles, when he was given a pacemaker/defibrillator against my wishes and I was told I didn't have to worry about it as the cost was covered. The wires from the

defibrillator came out and he ended up having electric shocks. We have kept them disconnected, but the Cardiologist keeps asking if we want them re-attached, even though she can't guarantee it won't happen again. What is wrong with you people?

You lot need to use common sense, instead of having an inquiry.

Yours faithfully,

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