Submission To Ms Hills Topic
For Enquiry into end of life choices
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My personal opinion is end of life choices should always be available to all people in a lawful way.

Any person who wishes to end their life in the manner of their choosing should be encouraged to tell their family, friends or carers "Living Will", Advance Directive and Power of Attorney signed by a doctor, solicitor, or J.P., are important.

Unfortunately I have heard that these instructions have been ignored by well meaning Ambulance staff and Emergency wards.

I would like to see elderly, frail, sick and others who have also decided on their wish to die to wear a wrist band or necklace with "DO NOT RESUSCITATE in plain sight.

Palliative care, unfortunately not enough, the pain & distress returning after a sleep family, friends and carers also suffer. This bad situation may continue for days after the person receiving the care has already stated the wish to die and also stated they are ready to go.

A change in the law is needed to meet the needs people. Making available a single dose medication to cease the fear & worry of dependancy and in many instances would improve the quality of life therefore longitudal change.