



# PCPLD Network

Palliative Care for People with Learning Disabilities

## **Palliative Care for People with Learning Disabilities Network (PCPLD) Statement on the Meacher Assisted Dying Bill**

We now have more details of the current Meacher Assisted Dying Bill going through the Westminster Parliament. This would make it legal for an individual with capacity who is not expected to live more than six months to choose to take medication to end their life.

Whatever society through Parliament decides in the future about assisted dying, the PCPLD Network is clear that this specific bill does not protect learning disabled people.

It provides no safeguards to prevent the bias and discrimination that learning disabled people often encounter. Making the wrong decision can often be corrected but making a wrong decision in assisted dying is irreversible.

**The Palliative Care for People with Learning Disabilities Network will not support the Meacher Assisted Dying Bill.**

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The Palliative Care for People with Learning Disabilities Network is a national charity that brings together service providers, people with a learning disability and carers working for the benefit of individuals with learning disabilities who have palliative care needs.

Our ethos is that people with a learning disability should receive the coordinated support needed in living their lives to the full, until the end of their life. We believe that everyone with a learning disability has the right to be valued in life and to have excellent palliative and end of life care, whatever that might be.

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