



## **St Columba's Hospice Care - Statement on Assisted Dying**

We put patients and families at the centre of all that we do, which includes making time to explore what matters most to them. We appreciate the complex variety of views on assisted dying and accept that this is an often sensitive and highly emotive subject.

At St Columba's Hospice Care our team will provide excellent care up to the point of death, encouraging people to live until they die, and supporting them to achieve the best quality of life possible for them. We will continue to offer support to families, and to those important to them, in bereavement.

We do not feel it is our role to either support or oppose a change in the law with regards to assisted dying. We do, however, feel it is important that the role of palliative and hospice care is properly represented in the discussions and debate.

We acknowledge and respect the range of views with regards to assisted dying, held by patients and families, the public, health professionals, and our team at the Hospice. We want to assure those we care for that no matter what their views around assisted dying may be, it will not affect the standard of palliative care, compassion and respect we offer.

**Board of Governors  
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