

I am e-mailing to strongly oppose the end of life choice bill.

I have worked as a registered nurse for the past 40 years, majority of that time spent in Mental health, predominantly acute nursing and for the past 15 year as the sole community mental health nurse for south Westland on the West coast.

Over the many year I have nursed probably hundreds of people who have at some time “wished to die” usually in response to severe depression / anxiety or just the burdens of life as we know it.

My experience is that most of these people have recovered and gone on to lead normal lives and often spoke of the terrible experience and the disbelief that they could have been so unwell as to think of taking their own lives or wishing that they could simply have the means ‘ just to die’.

I am prepared to make an oral submission (by phone) if necessary.

Regards,

Ann Pugh