



Review of policy on assisted dying

The Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Association's Board of Trustees conducts a review of our policy on assisted dying every two years. This is in recognition of the subject's importance to many people living with MND, their carers and families.

The Board carefully considers the current position of neutrality to a change in the law on assisted dying and the implications of a change to that stance.

Assisted dying is an issue on which many people will have a very personal view. However, it is important to the Association can fulfil its role of supporting and representing all people living with MND, their carers and families. No doubt, there are members and supporters both for and against this issue. A neutral position allows the Association to continue to represent all its members and moving away from this would run the risk of losing significant and valuable support.

The MND Association is campaigning in several areas to ensure that people living with MND, their carers and families can access the care, support and information they need - when and where they need it. In taking up a position either for or against a change in the law we could, by default, make this a priority campaign issue, which would divert resources from other important areas. We recognise there are several very active organisations on both sides of the debate which our members and supporters are free to join.

The Association will continue to support people living with MND, their carers and families when they are faced with these extraordinarily difficult decisions, while remaining within the law.

However, being neutral doesn't mean being silent on this issue. In 2025, Parliament began to consider whether to pass the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, which would make assisted dying legal in some circumstances. While we do not have a view on whether the Bill should become law, we believe it's important that if Parliament decides to make it law, then it's vital that people with MND have the same rights as any other person. [We submitted evidence to the committee stage of the Bill](#) to express our key concerns with the Bill in its current form and have met with MPs to discuss these issues. We'll continue to share updates on our work with the community as the Bill progresses.

If you have any questions or comments on our assisted dying policy, please contact our Communications Team on communications@mndassociation.org.

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