

## **APPG for Dying Well 8th November Meeting Minutes**

Officers present: Baroness Ilora Finlay, Danny Kruger MP

### **Participants:**

- Baroness Ilora Finlay (Co-chair of the APPG for Dying Well)
- Danny Kruger MP (Co-chair of the APPG for Dying Well)
- Alex Schadenberg (Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, Canada)
- Dr Claud Regnard (Expert in Palliative Medicine)
- Dr Gillian Wright (Our Duty of Care)
- Gordon Macdonald (Care not Killing)
- Dr Rachel Ruddy (Jersey)
- Dr Graham McCall (Isle of Man)

### Introduction: Ilora Finlay and Danny Kruger

#### First guest speaker: Alex Schadenberg

- Legal background and expansion of Canada's Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) laws.
- Details various cases of euthanasia-related abuses where individuals have been mistreated by MAiD laws.

#### Second guest speaker: Claud Regnard

- Oregon: poor safeguarding in Physician-Assisted Suicide model.
- New South Wales, Australia: reduction in palliative care fund when Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) introduced.
- Belgium and Netherlands: level of unreported assisted deaths (1 in 2, and 1 in 5 respectively).
- Denmark: Danish Ethics Council judges euthanasia to be in conflict with palliative care.

#### Third guest speaker: Dr Gillian Wright

- Medical community's fears of an assisted dying law, particularly palliative care doctors.
- Under-provision of palliative care doctors.

#### Fourth guest speaker: Gordon Macdonald

- Trajectory of the proposed Assisted Dying Bill in Scotland.
- Discusses inclusions such as at-home consultation and absence of ones such as prior psychiatric/palliative treatments.

#### Fifth guest speaker: Dr Rachel Ruddy

- Shares developments in Jersey and the public backlash to proposed assisted dying laws.

#### Sixth guest speaker: Dr Graham McCall

- Gave updates on the Isle of Man's Assisted Dying Bill 2023.
- Outlined doctors' backlash on the Island.

Q&A section

Thanks and closing remarks: Danny Kruger

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