

Meeting of the Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on End of Life Choices

Tuesday 28 March 2017 at 6 pm
Committee Room 1
Scottish Parliament Headquarters
Holyrood, Edinburgh EH99 1SP

AGENDA

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies
2. Minute of 6 December 2016 meeting
3. Matters arising from previous meeting:
 - 3.1 Standards Committee approval, Feb 9th 2017

4. Presentations and discussion: Advance Directives

Professor Celia Kitinger: Professor Kitinger is a chartered psychologist with expertise on advance decisions. As an acknowledged expert in this area she has many key publications and is co-founder of Advance Decisions Assistance (ADA) which can be found here: <http://adassistance.org.uk/>.

Her expertise will be immensely valuable in assisting the Cross Party Group in developing policy in this area, and we hope to be provided with intelligence as to how we can best improve understanding and uptake of advance directives in Scotland and how they might be developed as a tool for increasing choices in end of life care.

Prof Kitinger's recently collaborated with the Public Policy Institute of Wales to produce a detailed report on Advance Decisions to refuse treatment, which can be accessed here: <http://ppiw.org.uk/ppiw-report-publication-increasing-understanding-and-uptake-of-advance-decisions-to-refuse-treatment-in-wales/>

Tracey Taylor: Tracey will address the group to talk about her mother, Flora, who died last year. Her plight and desire for assisted dying was recently highlighted by the BBC, Daily Record and STV News after her 40-year battle with MS worsened leaving Flora with a severely diminished quality of life. Tracey now runs a campaign called 'Flora's Voice' to raise awareness and understanding.

Presentations will be followed by an opportunity for group discussion.

5. Any other competent business
6. Date of next meeting