

The General Assembly and Assisted Suicide & Euthanasia

In recent years the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland has passed resolutions confirming the position of the Church on Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia.

The resolutions are as follows:

2018

4 That the General Assembly:

(a) strongly oppose any legislation which allows assisted suicide and/or euthanasia; and

(b) strongly commend palliative care, calling on the governments in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland to ensure the adequate resourcing of both research and delivery in this important area.

2024

4. That the General Assembly:

(a) express deep concern about the recommendation from the Oireachtas Joint Committee to legislate for Assisted Suicide/Euthanasia, which is will create precedent in undermining human dignity and the sanctity of life;

(b) encourage the Council for Public Affairs to engage proactively on this issue, promoting a compassionate and biblical response for the good of all in society across both jurisdictions

5. That the General Assembly continue to affirm the innate dignity and value of human life from conception to death and express its dismay and warn of the danger and historical and cultural significance of moves to introduce Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia across the devolved parliaments of the UK and Northern Ireland, Crown Dependencies and the Republic of Ireland.

6. That the General Assembly adopt the overall direction of travel set out in the Supplementary Report of the Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia Task Group and encourage the Task Group to proceed with the utmost urgency.