

We need to talk about Palliative Care

The Free Church of Scotland

We regret the shortness of the period allowed for written evidence on an extensive subject, particularly as it has fallen over the holiday period. The Free Church did not receive any notification from the Health and Sport Committee about this consultation, and only heard about it indirectly.

We are pleased that the committee is considering palliative care in Scotland, because this issue will only become more urgent with more people living longer and health budgets coming under increased strain.

The Free Church of Scotland fully supports the greater availability of palliative care for a wide range of conditions by multi-disciplinary teams. This should be available not only in specialist units such as hospices but in general hospitals and in the community.

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