

LIBERTY

AGM MOTIONS SUBMITTED

The following motions have been submitted to the 2025 Liberty AGM, which will take place on Saturday 17 May at 10am.

For context, Liberty's position is set out in this [FAQ](#)

MOTION 1 –

Proposer Graham Winyard

Seconder Marie Louise Papworth

This AGM reaffirms its support, originally passed at the 2008 AGM, for legalisation to give terminally ill adult patients the right and opportunity to die with dignity (full 2008 motion below).

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, currently before Parliament offers the first realistic chance to achieve this objective for many years and we were puzzled and dismayed by the decision to oppose this Bill outright, without consulting the membership or the Policy Committee.

We call upon the Executive to:

- recognise the burden of suffering imposed on dying people by our current laws and the clear support from the membership for addressing this problem.
- support the current Bill, proposing amendments as necessary while recognising that it represents the most safeguarded set of arrangements for assisted dying in the world, even excluding people like Diane Pretty, whose plight was the stimulus for Liberty's policy.
- reflect on the legitimacy of its decision to abandon clear AGM policy without wider consultation.
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2008 motion

"This AGM recalls the tragic cases of Diane Pretty and others (supported by Liberty) who were refused the right to die with dignity, and the recommendations of the special select committee of the House of Lords in 2005 on the Patient (Assisted Dying) Bill, and urges the Government to promote or support a Bill on the lines of Lord Joffe's lapsed bill, to give terminally ill adult patients the right and opportunity if they so wish to die with dignity – while providing the maximum safeguards to ensure that only those who have fully understood all the relevant issues may opt for assisted dying, and to avoid a culture in which people may feel pressure to take their lives."