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## Weston Hospicecare Position Statement Assisted Dying

Weston Hospicecare believes that every person with a life-limiting illness should have unprejudiced access to high quality end-of-life care, enabling them to live well and die well, with compassionate support for the people close to them.

Assisted dying is illegal in the United Kingdom. Staff and volunteers at Weston Hospicecare cannot advise on, or facilitate, any form of intentionally ending life.

We strive to give the best possible care and this involves a non-judgemental approach; we value our patients as individuals, respect them for who they are, support their right to make decisions regarding their care, and we discuss with them the choices and options available.

We also support those who care for our patients, their families and loved ones, both during their illness and after their death. We will offer such support to carers and relatives in their bereavement regardless of the choices the patient makes before they die.

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