

Leeds A.M. End-of-Life Care Working Party (E.L.C.)

Mission Statement

The E.L.C. is concerned with three inter-related issues surrounding end-of-life care:

- a. Attitudes towards death and dying We wish to see more openness when the topic of death and dying arises. We are conscious that it is often a taboo subject, and we would wish to encourage Friends to talk about the issues involved without giving rise to embarrassment. We hope that Friends will feel able to speak of the death of those they have known, referring to occasions when there had been 'a good death' as well as when the death was not as good as they would have wished.
- b. Assisted Dying We are keen to promote discussion amongst Friends on the subject of Assisted Dying. We recognise that there are differing views within the Society on this topic. We would hope that, in the course of time, the Society is able to come to some degree of discernment about the way forward. We see it as being important that Friends are well informed about the law on Assisted Dying in different countries and individual states. We would hope that Friends would be aware of the various campaigning organisations that are concerned with this topic.
- c. Preparation for one's own death We are keen to ensure that Friends are fully aware of the steps they can take in preparation for their own death. We see our task to include the preparation of information sheets, the completion of questionnaires and the holding of focus groups. In particular we would wish to help Friends to complete Advance Decisions, and to talk about the issues involved.

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