

Parliamentary Bureau - Referral of draft proposal

Right to Palliative Care (Scotland) Bill

1. A draft proposal for a Right to Palliative Care (Scotland) Bill was lodged on 6 March 2024 by Miles Briggs MSP.
2. The proposal is for a Bill to give people of all ages living with terminal illness and residing in Scotland a legal right to palliative care
3. The draft proposal is accompanied by a consultation document.
4. In accordance with Standing Orders (Rule 9.14.5), the Parliamentary Bureau is required to refer the draft proposal to a committee (or committees) within whose remit(s) the subject-matter falls.
5. This referral is for information only – there is no expectation that the committee will scrutinise or report on the draft proposal at this stage.

Discussion

6. The draft proposal appears to engage the remit of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, which is to consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care and matters relating to drugs and alcohol policy.

Recommendation

7. The Bureau is invited to refer the draft proposal on 6 March 2024 to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.

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