

Life and Death Matters: Disability Rights and Incapacity

Date: Thursday July 2nd 2009

CPD POINTS: Legal, medical and other professionals are entitled to claim 6 CPD points for attendance.

In the context of an increasing ageing population, limited financial resources, an ongoing need for organs and research subjects, there are continuing calls for the legalisation of physician assisted suicide. This symposium will consider issues in end-of-life care, both proposals for active euthanasia and non-treatment decisions particularly where the patient is no longer competent. It will do so bearing in mind the plethora of financial, medical and research interests that there are in the human body, the costs of healthcare as well as the psychological, moral, and social implications of current and proposed law. Of special interest are the implications of such law for healthcare professionals, patient trust, forensics, disability rights and attitudes of care and protection of the vulnerable.

This symposium aims to promote a critical evaluation of healthcare provision for the elderly and incapacitated, thereby creating a forum for a wide range of interested parties, including lawyers, patient advocacy groups, policy makers, students, the disabled and health care professionals.

Presenters include:

- Baroness Jane Campbell, ex-Disability Rights Commissioner, "Assisted Dying: Be careful what you wish for!"
- Lord Alex Carlile Q.C., "Pain and moral decay: the law and ethics of death"
- Baroness Mary Warnock, DBE, FBA, "The Meaning of Life"
- Dr Philip Howard, Consultant Gastroenterologist, St George's Hospital
- Sally Chidzoy, BBC Journalist
- Dr Gillian Craig, MD, FRCP. Vice Chairman Medical Ethics Alliance

Venue: London Metropolitan University, 16 Goulston Street,
London, E1 7TP.
(Nearest Tube: Aldgate East or 5 min Walk London Liverpool Street Station)

Cost: £65 (includes light lunch and refreshments); sponsored places available at **£25**



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