

## **Proposed Emergency Motion**

### **Assisted Dying for terminally ill adults (The Netherlands BLP)**

Labour International notes:

- that many LI members live in countries where some form of euthanasia or assisted dying is legal;
- that their relatives and friends in the UK do not have this kind of choice at the end of life unless they can afford to travel to Dignitas in Switzerland, thus creating a two-tier system of access;
- that if British citizens do travel abroad in order to obtain assisted dying, anyone who accompanies them risks prosecution;
- that 650 dying people end their own lives every year;
- that twenty people in the UK suffer painful, distressing deaths every day despite palliative care;
- that over 70% of the British public support a change in the law to permit assisted dying for terminally ill adults.

Labour International further notes that:

- Kim Leadbeater's Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill was passed by a cross-party majority of 23 MPs at its Third Reading in the House of Commons on 20th June 2025, following months of detailed scrutiny;
- The Bill was then sent to the House of Lords, where it ran out of time due to hundreds of amendments being submitted;
- An almost identical Private Member's Bill was brought back to the House of Commons this year by Lauren Edwards MP, but MPs voted 286 to 270 against the Bill at its Second Reading on 11th September 2026.

LI believes:

- that people who are terminally ill have the right to die with dignity;

- that provision should be made within the NHS to support assisted dying, while no medical practitioner should be compelled to take part in such a procedure against their conscience;
- that there is no contradiction between providing assisted dying and providing the best possible palliative care;
- that this matter is too important to be left to individual MPs to bring Private Members Bills on the topic.

LI calls on the Labour government to introduce a Bill to Parliament which provides for assisted dying for terminally ill adults, taking into account the debates and amendments on the recent Private Members Bills, and allowing time for the bill to pass through all stages and be properly voted on in both Houses.