

Soap opera euthanasia arguments are 'sinister'

Baroness Grey-Thompson, the former Paralympic athlete, has attacked the "sinister" attempts of pro-euthanasia groups to hijack a plot on *Coronation Street* to further the case to legalise assisted suicide.

Viewers this week will see Hayley Cropper take her own life after being diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer. Campaigners, led by Lord Falconer of Thoroton, say it highlights the need for laws which allow loved ones to be present or to help when someone takes the decision to die.

But Lady Grey-Thompson said: "The decisions of a fictional character should not be the basis to try and change the law on any issue."

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