

Cardinal urges review of palliative care

◆ The care of people dying in hospitals is potentially a “more important” concern than moves to legalise assisted suicide, Britain’s most senior Roman Catholic Church cleric has signalled.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols said a consultation on plans to replace the controversial Liverpool Care Pathway was a matter of “crucial importance”, arguably even more so than the Assisted Dying Bill, which MPs will

debate next week. The Cardinal was speaking alongside the Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis after they returned from a visit to Rome, including meeting the Pope, at which assisted dying was discussed.

Cardinal Nichols urged believers to take part in a consultation on new plans for end-of-life care which he said would ultimately affect more people given how many people die in hospitals.

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