

# Dying man wins right to challenge assisted suicide ban

A terminally ill man has won the right to challenge the law that stops him ending his life at a time of his choosing.

Noel Conway, 67, asked the Court of Appeal to overturn a High Court ruling that he cannot seek a judicial review of the blanket ban on assisted suicide. Appeal judges yesterday sent the case back to the High Court for a hearing.

Mr Conway, a retired college lecturer from Shrewsbury, had motor neurone disease diagnosed in 2014. His lawyers say that when he has less

than six months to live and retains the mental capacity to make the decision "he would wish to be able to enlist assistance to bring about a peaceful and dignified death".

He wants a declaration that the Suicide Act 1961 is incompatible with Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights, which relates to respect for private life, and Article 14, concerning discrimination. Mr Conway, who is supported by Dignity in Dying, said: "I am delighted that my case will now proceed to the next stage."

