

Assisted dying

Sir, Doctors are not "urging legalisation of assisted dying" (News, Feb 9). This is a fixation of the *British Medical Journal*. It does not speak for the British Medical Association, which is opposed to legalisation, nor for the majority of British doctors. A survey of 1,000 GPs in May 2015 found that, if the law were to be changed, only 14 per cent of respondents would be prepared to consider a request for "assisted dying". The latest poll did not show that "55 per cent of doctors" want assisted suicide to be made legal, but 55 per cent of the 733 people questioned. Who was chosen? What were the questions? And how were they phrased? We are not told. We are looking at aggressive campaigning spin, not a shift in medical opinion.

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