

For more information

For more information on our position, please visit the Hospice South website:
hospicesouth.org.nz

Or the Hospice New Zealand website:
hospice.org.nz

We welcome the opportunity to talk directly as well and you may reach us by phoning:
03 211 3081.



Our vision and values

Everyone living in Southland and the Whakatipu Basin has access to the highest quality palliative care.

Grateful *mauruuru*

We embrace the privilege to make a difference every day thanks to our communities' support

Passionate *ngākau*

We are driven to grow our knowledge & expertise every day

Collaborative *mahi tahi*

Together everyone achieves more

Encouraging *te akiaki*

We inspire others to take action in support of our cause

Respectful *whakaute*

We appreciate & seek to understand other points of view to grow our understanding



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End of Life Choice Act & Assisted Dying

Position statement on the End of Life Choice Act and assisted dying (euthanasia)





"Assisted dying" **is not** part of palliative care, therefore it **will not be provided** at Hospice South **or by** Hospice South staff. This includes the assessment process for "assisted dying" under the End of Life Choice Act. The process for "assisted dying" is being coordinated by the Ministry of Health: [health.govt.nz](https://www.health.govt.nz).



This is our position on the End of Life Choice Act and on the concept of assisted dying (euthanasia).

Palliative care is an area of health care focused on affirming life and helping people with very serious life-limiting illnesses live as comfortably as possible until natural death occurs. *The means palliative care focuses on "Living Every Moment", rather than shortening or lengthening the dying process.*

Hospice South's mission is not changing.

Hospice South does not take any action to cause patients to die sooner than they would naturally.



Hospice South respects that people may have different beliefs and experiences. Hospice South will not turn away patients who support the concept of "assisted dying" or who are considering an assisted death, and we will continue to offer specialist palliative support to all who need and want it. However, Hospice South will not be involved in the assisted dying process, or allow assisted dying on our premises.