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APM Statement regarding the outcome of the 11th September 2026 2nd reading of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill.

The Association for Palliative Medicine (APM) welcomes the outcome of the vote on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill in the House of Commons on 11 September.

The APM's priority remains the delivery of the highest standards of palliative and end-of-life care for all patients. Significant inequalities persist in the availability, accessibility, and funding of specialist palliative care services across the UK. We continue to believe that ensuring high-quality, equitable, and universally accessible palliative care must be a national priority if patients are to have genuine choice and receive safe, compassionate care at the end of life.

To achieve this, the APM reiterates the urgent need for sustainable, long-term investment in specialist palliative care services. Hospital, hospice, and community-based palliative care provision should be commissioned through clear service specifications and effective NHS funding to prevent further erosion of services and widening inequities in access to care.

Any assisted dying framework must be underpinned by principles of patient safety, equity, and genuine informed choice. The protection of vulnerable individuals must remain paramount and be supported by robust safeguards that preserve trust and confidence in the doctor-patient relationship. The APM Council Working Group will continue to engage with developments in this area.

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