

Life Issues and Scottish Parliament Elections

As you will know, there is an upcoming Scottish Parliament election. There are various issues regarding the dignity of human life that will be coming up in the next parliament, and we would ask you to carefully consider these issues when casting your vote. These issues include:

- Making DIY home abortions (put in place as a temporary measure during the Covid 19 pandemic) permanent policy.
- Putting in place 'buffer zones', which would make it illegal for peaceful, prayerful pro-life vigils to take place outside of abortion providers.
- Legalising Assisted Suicide.

Below are the known voting intentions of candidates for Dundee East and Dundee West, provided by SPUC Scotland. If a candidate is not listed, it is because their voting intentions are not yet known.

Dundee East

Party	Candidate	DIY Abortion	Buffer Zones	Assisted Suicide
SNP (Sitting MSP)	Shona Robison	*see below		Voted against assisted dying in 2015
Labour	Owen Wright	Has indicated support for DIY abortion	Has indicated support for Buffer Zones	Has indicated support for Assisted Suicide
Conservatives	Philip Scott	Undecided, pending consultation results	Has indicated initial support for Buffer Zones	Has indicated opposition to assisted suicide

*While we do not know Ms Robison's voting intention on this issue, she was the minister for health in 2017, when the decision was made for women to take the second of two medications at home needed for a medical abortion. This indicates **general support for DIY abortion**.

Dundee West

Party	Candidate	DIY Abortion	Buffer Zones	Assisted Suicide
SNP (Sitting MSP)	Joe Fitzpatrick	*see below		Voted in favour of assisted suicide in 2015
Labour	Mercedes Villalba	Undecided	Has indicated support for Buffer Zones	Has indicated opposition to assisted suicide
Liberal Democrats	Daniel Coleman	Has indicated opposition to DIY abortion	Has indicated opposition to Buffer Zones	Undecided
Conservatives	Tess White	Undecided, pending consultation results	Has indicated support for Buffer Zones	Undecided
Restore	Ewan Gurr	Has indicated opposition to DIY abortion	Has indicated opposition to Buffer Zones	Has indicated opposition to assisted suicide

* Mr Fitzpatrick is the Minister for Public Health and is responsible for introducing DIY abortion during the current pandemic.