

LETTER TO THE TIMES

Dear Sir,

The number of hospitals under investigation into both management and clinicians shows that the ability to destroy the lives of innocent people is not confined to the Post Office or to Hillsborough. It should make the growing number of those who, out of kindness, favour assisted dying to pause. Such a law will give to any unscrupulous relatives and overworked clinicians unprecedented power over highly dependent patients. It will change the culture of our State where, to universal dismay, some of its agencies have been found guilty of a patronising tendency to disregard and destroy the lives of ordinary people.

Yours sincerely,

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