



The Case Of Diane Pretty.

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Diane Pretty

- * Diane Pretty, a British Motor Neurone Disease sufferer decided that after multiple years of illness she wished to end her own life. However, she was incapable of doing so herself and so appealed for her husband to assist with her suicide.

“it’s not life. i’m already dead”

- * In court, she argued that living with motor neurone disease is against the Humans Right Act, which states “no one shall be subjected to torture or inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment.”
- * She also maintained that she had the right to “die with dignity”

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“our first family trip abroad was to ask for Diane to die”

- * Diane Pretty fought continually in the High Court and European Court of Human Rights for her case, making many appeals to end her suffering and not to prosecute her husband.
- * she had stated that all she wanted was a quick death, without suffering and to die at home with her family.

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- * the court denied her appeal for assisted suicide, leaving Diane to fight for the last two years of her life before dying in a hospice.

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- * “Diane had to go through the one thing she had forseen and was afraid of - and there was nothing I could do to help.”