

ADVANCE DECISION TO REFUSE TREATMENT

This Advance Decision to Refuse Treatment (also known as Advance Directive, Living Will or Advance Decision) sets out the situations in which I want to refuse medical treatment should I lack capacity to make or communicate a decision about my medical care or treatment in the future. I have carefully considered my wishes and I confirm that I have the capacity to make these decisions.

NOTE TO HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS:

A healthcare professional is legally bound under the Mental Capacity Act 2005 to follow a valid and applicable Advance Decision. Failure to do so could result in criminal prosecution or civil liability.

About me

My refusals of treatment

I confirm that the following refusals of treatment are to apply even if my life is at risk or may be shortened as a result.

Dementia

If I have any type of dementia, and I can no longer make or communicate a decision about my medical treatment, and I am unlikely to regain the ability to make these decisions, then I refuse all life-sustaining treatment.

My refusals of treatment (continued)

Brain injury

If I have a brain injury following a stroke, head injury or any other cause, and I can no longer make or communicate decisions about my medical treatment, and I am unlikely to regain the ability to make these decisions, then I refuse all life-sustaining treatment.

Diseases of the central nervous system

If I have a disease of the central nervous system and I can no longer make or communicate decisions about my medical treatment, and I am unlikely to regain the ability to make these decisions, then I refuse all life-sustaining treatment.

Terminal illness

If I have any other terminal illness not already covered in this form, and I can no longer make or communicate decisions about my medical treatment, and I am unlikely to regain the ability to make these decisions, then I refuse all life-sustaining treatment.

I wish to be given all medical treatment to alleviate pain or distress. I maintain this request even in the event that it may shorten my life.

I am making this Advance Decision because

My personal liberty is very important to me.

I want to remain alive whilst I'm able to make decisions and care for myself.