

Jersey Assisted Dying Citizens' Jury Session 8

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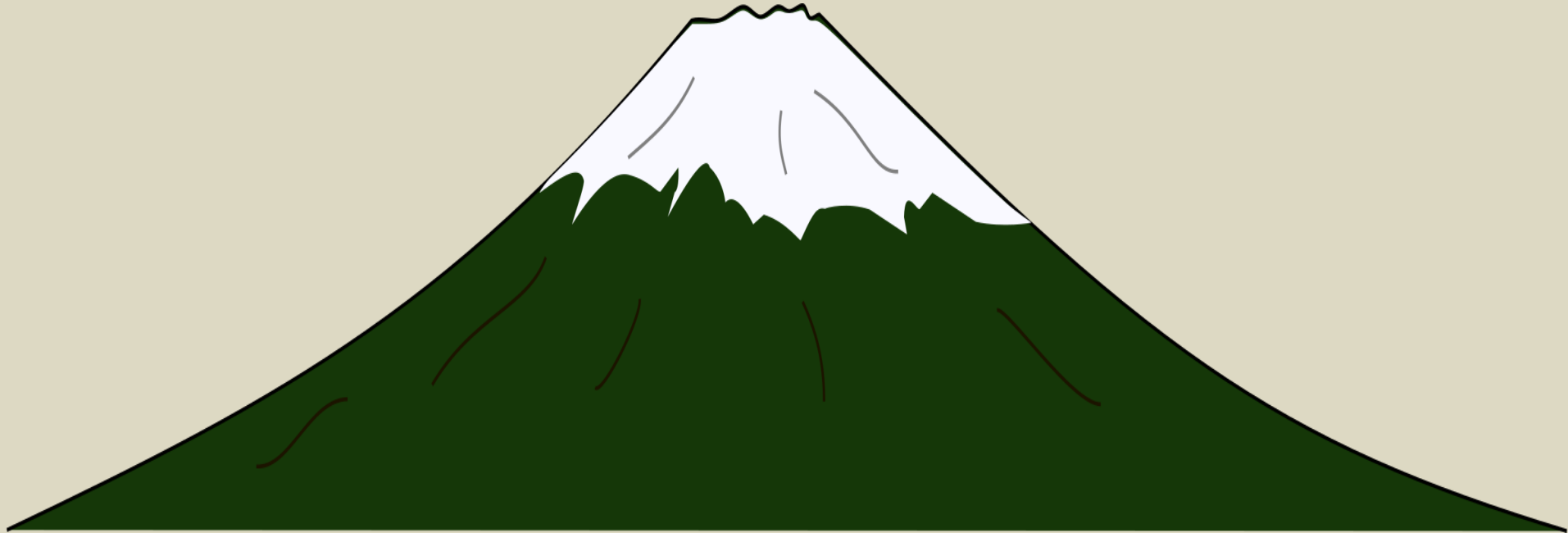
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Brief overview

- 1) Recap of the **sessions and speakers** you've heard
- 2) Reflection on **palliative care**
- 3) Reminder about the **professional registration** of doctors

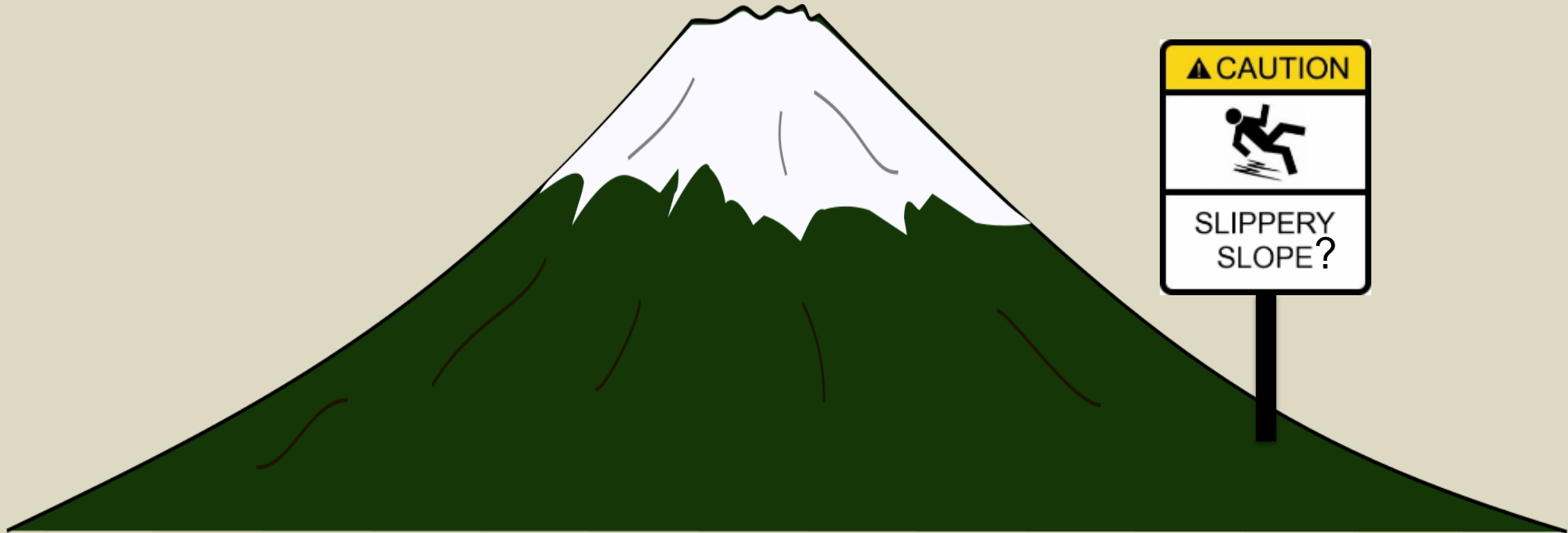
But, first, a brief reflection on your role and the evidence you've heard, using two metaphors...

Metaphor 1: A mountain of evidence!



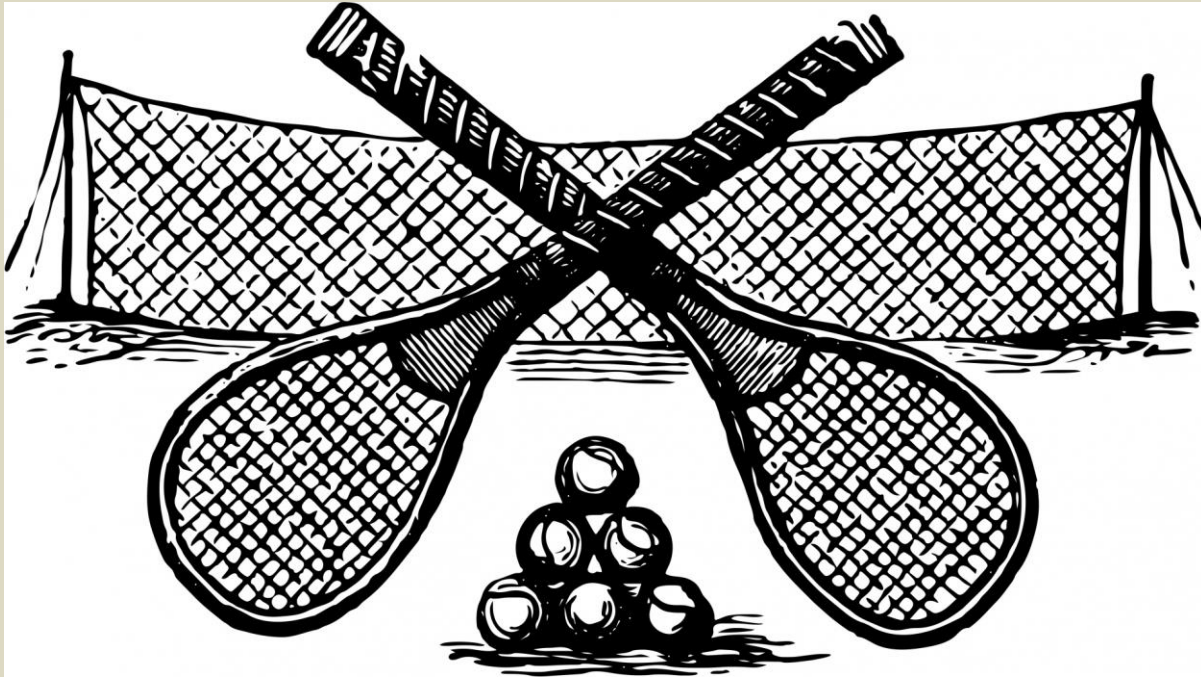
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Metaphor 1: A mountain of evidence!



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Metaphor 2: Watching the tennis ball...



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Recap block 1

Session 1: Thursday 18th March

What is assisted dying?

Key background information on assisted dying, including definitions, language and the Jersey context.

Speakers:

- Hugo Forrester, Mind Jersey
- Dr Alexandra Mullock and Professor Suzanne Ost
- Ruth Johnson, Government of Jersey

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Recap block 1

Session 2: Saturday 20th March

Which people may be eligible for assisted dying?

An introduction to eligibility criteria, processes, safeguards and authorisations

Speakers:

- Dr Isra Black, University of York
- Professor Rob George, Kings College London, Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital, St Christopher's Hospice
- Professor Raphael Cohen-Almagor, University of Hull

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Recap block 1

Session 3: Saturday 20th March

Learning from elsewhere: North America

Cases studies from Canada and Oregon

Speakers:

- Professor Jocelyn Downie, Dalhousie University
- Professor Trudo Lemmens, University of Toronto
- Dr Nancy Berlinger, Hastings Center
- Robert Preston, Living and Dying Well

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Recap block 2

Session 4: Saturday 10th April

Learning from elsewhere: Europe

Cases studies from Belgium, Netherlands, Switzerland & Germany

Speakers:

- Professor Sigrid Sterckx, Ghent University
- Professor Emily Jackson, London School of Economics

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Recap block 2

Session 5a: Saturday 10th April

Different perspectives – Religious and faith-based organisations

Speakers:

- Professor David Jones, Anscombe Bioethics Centre
- Rev Drew Waller, Jersey Evangelical Alliance
- Robert Ince, President for the International Association for Religious Freedom

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Recap block 2

Session 5b: Saturday 10th April

Different perspectives – Campaigning Groups

Speakers:

- Andrew Copson, Humanists UK
- Dr Jacky Davis, Dignity in Dying
- Michael Talibard, End of Life Choices Jersey
- Dr Gordon MacDonald, Care Not Killing

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Recap block 3

Session 6: Saturday 24th April

Different perspectives – Individuals, loved ones and carers

Speakers:

- Alain Du Chemin [pre-recorded]
- Paul Lamb [pre-recorded]
- Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson [attended in person]
- Anne Pryke [attended in person]

Recap block 3

Session 7: Saturday 24th April

Different perspectives – Health and care professionals

Speakers:

- Rose Naylor + Dr Patrick Armstrong, Government of Jersey
- Dr Carol Davis, Palliative care consultant Southampton University
- Dr John Stewart-Jones, Retired GP and Freedom Church Pastor
- Dr Nigel Minihane, GP and chair of Primary Care Body
- Professor Sam Ahmedzai, University of Sheffield

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Palliative Care

- Some speakers consider palliative care and assisted dying to be mutually exclusive, or that access to good, well-funded palliative care removes the need for assisted dying
- Others argue that good palliative care and assisted dying can and should co-exist, and that individuals can benefit from access to both

Palliative Care

- The question you have been asked as a Jury relates specifically to whether or not **assisted dying** should be introduced in Jersey
- Consideration of the provision of palliative care in Jersey is a separate matter (beyond the scope of the Jury)
- However, it may be a matter you choose to note in your recommendations for further consideration by Government of Jersey

Professional registration

Re-read the **letter from Alex and Suzanne** (29 April), after discussions with the Government of Jersey, who spoke with the GMC (General Medical Council)

The key messages in the letter follow...

Professional registration

- It is not necessarily the case that a Jersey registered doctor, who assisted in the death of a patient, would be considered “unfit to practice”, **provided** that assisted dying was legal in Jersey
- The GMC is willing to discuss this further, **if** Jersey opts to allow assisted dying in some form
- And, **if** that is the case, Gov Jersey will also have discussions with other key registration bodies for nurses (NMC) and pharmacists (HCPC)

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