

Campaign for Frank's Law goes to his home turf

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The campaign for a law in memory of Frank Kopel will go to the home of Dundee United tomorrow, the ground where the former footballer spent a decade of his career.

His wife Amanda will be joined by shadow health secretary Miles Briggs as they encourage people to contribute to a consultation which could lead to the enacting of Frank's Law.

If successful, the legislation would see those suffering conditions like dementia – but are under the age of 65 – receive the same free personal care provided to those over that age.

Frank died in 2014 at the age 65, six years after being diagnosed with dementia.

The Member's Bill consultation is open until October 6, and both Miles and Amanda will use tomorrow's visit to encourage more individuals and organisations to take part.

Scottish Conservative shadow health secretary Miles Briggs said:

"It's great to visit the City of Discovery and Tannadice.

"I know how Dundee United fans have been a great support to Amanda and have very much been at the forefront of the campaign to deliver Frank's Law from the outset.

"The consultation on my Member's Bill proposal runs until October 6, and I urge individuals and organisations across Scotland to give their views during this period.

"That way we can demonstrate the level of support for removing the age discrimination that exists for those who need free personal care.

"That is why Frank's Law is so desperately needed today. For too many families, it was needed yesterday.

"The sooner SNP ministers act to bring forward a detailed timetable to deliver Frank's Law, the sooner we can see the vital support and dignity in

care needed for so many individuals and their families.”

Amanda Kopel added:

“The army of supporters grows each day, as the people of Scotland realise we need Frank’s Law.

“They know the discrimination is manmade, and that it should end sooner rather than later.

“More importantly, they know that it may be either themselves, or a member of their family, who may need personal care due to a disease, disability or illness in future.

“They need an assurance that, should that happen, there is a system in place allowing them to live with the dignity and respect that is every human being’s right.

“I am so grateful to the thousands of people who are standing shoulder-to-shoulder with me on this vitally important issue.

“I will be at Tannadice to stand proudly beside the Frank’s Law banner and flag, not only to raise awareness for the campaign, but to encourage people to take a few minutes to get involved in the consultation.”

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Notes to editors:

Tomorrow’s photocall will take place at Tannadice, which is on Tannadice Street, Dundee DD3 7JW.

All media are invited to attend from 1pm, at which point both Miles and Amanda will be available for photographs and interview.

The consultation is available here:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/105518.aspx>