# Consultation on public interest guidance for suicide pact and ‘mercy killing’ type cases – Response form

## Context

The CPS is conducting a public consultation on a proposed revision to the legal guidance on [Homicide: Murder and Manslaughter](https://www.cps.gov.uk/legal-guidance/homicide-murder-and-manslaughter). A [copy of the revision](https://www.cps.gov.uk/node/17046) is available to read.

The purpose of the consultation is to provide interested persons with an opportunity to provide comments and to ensure the final version of the guidance is informed by as wide a range of views as possible.

The [consultation document](https://www.cps.gov.uk/node/17043) provides further information about the context and process.

## Questions

Please use the questions below to frame your responses and to provide us with feedback.

Where you have identified any public interest factors we have missed, please expand in your answers below.

We’ll keep any information that you provide confidential and we’ll only use your answers in an anonymised way. You can find out more about how we protect your data in our privacy notice: [cps.gov.uk/privacy-notice-crown-prosecution-service-cps](https://www.cps.gov.uk/privacy-notice-crown-prosecution-service-cps).

## Closing date for submission of responses

The consultation runs from 14 January to midnight of 8 April 2022.

Please complete this response form and return it to [homicideconsultation@cps.gov.uk](mailto:homicideconsultation@cps.gov.uk).

If you would rather submit your responses in hard copy, please send by 8 April to:

Homicide Guidance Consultation

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## Questionnaire

Please complete the following:

### Section 1

Manner of preferred address: Mr/Mrs/Ms etc.

Click or tap here to enter text.

First Name

Click or tap here to enter text.

Family Name

Click or tap here to enter text.

Any organisation you represent

Click or tap here to enter text.

Postal Mailing Address

Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact telephone number

Click or tap here to enter text.

E-mail Address

Click or tap here to enter text.

### Section 2

1. Do you think that the categories of cases to which these additional factors apply are appropriate?

Yes

No

1. Can you expand on your answer to question 1?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Do you agree that the factors considered should be broadly consistent with those set out in the assisted suicide policy?

Yes

No

1. Can you expand on your answer to question 3?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Are there any further factors in favour of prosecution that should be included?

Yes

No

1. What further factors in favour of prosecution should be included if you replied Yes to question 5?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Are there any further factors tending against prosecution that should be included?

Yes

No

1. What further factors tending against prosecution should be included if you replied Yes to question 7?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Please provide any other feedback you wish to share around how the revised guidance could be improved?

Click or tap here to enter text.