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# End of life issues – some food for thought

**Leonard Jason-Lloyd**

The debate on end of life issues has been a recurring subject for a long time. The issue of self-determination regarding the timing and manner in which people may die has reached new heights due to several high profile cases decided in recent years. This has now placed Parliament under greater pressure to intervene in order to clarify the law governing this complex and emotionally charged subject. This article will focus on six cases in an endeavour to indicate some of the many complexities that will confront policy-makers in the future.

## Causation and Joint Enterprise

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Although it is possible to imagine factual scenarios in which two people could properly be regarded as acting together, in cases where the accused supplies the victim with drugs, the defendant will not be guilty where the victim is a fully-informed and responsible adult and had freely and voluntarily self administered himself with a fatal dose, as in the case *R v Kennedy* (No 2) [2007] UKHL 38, [2007] 4 All ER 1083, [2007] 3 WLR 612, [2008] Crim LR 3, 222).

**ASBO NATION: The criminalisation of nuisance**, Edited by Peter Squires, Policy Press, University of Bristol, UK.  
ISBN 978 1- 84742 -027 -5

**Book Review by Sally Ramage**

This well-timed book of twenty chapters is divided into four parts, namely, Managing anti-social behaviour: priorities and approaches; anti-social behaviour management: emerging issues; anti-social behaviour case studies: particular social groups affected by anti-social behaviour policies; and anti-ASBO: criticising the ASBO industry.

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