APPENDIX 1
THE DYING PATIENT’S BILL OF RIGHTS

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO: be treated as a living human being until I die.

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO: maintain a sense of hopefulness no matter in what way the focus may change.

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO: be cared for by those who can maintain a sense of hopefulness, no matter in what way their focus may change.

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO: express my feelings and emotions about my approaching death in my own way.

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO: participate in decisions concerning my care.

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO: expect continuing medical and nursing attention even though “cure” goals must be changed to “comfort” goals.

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO: not die alone.

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO: be free from pain.

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO: have my questions answered honestly.

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO: not be deceived.

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO: have help from and for my family in accepting my death.

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO: die in peace and dignity.
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO: retain my individuality and not be judged for my decisions that may be contrary to the beliefs of others.

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO: discuss and enlarge my religious and/or spiritual experiences, whatever these may mean to others.

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO: expect that the sanctity of the human body will be respected after death.

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO: be cared for by caring, sensitive, knowledgeable people who will attempt to understand my needs and will be able to gain some satisfaction in helping me face my death.
APPENDIX 2

SOME OF THE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Describe what you do at hospice

2. What does volunteering mean to you?

3. Has working at hospice fulfilled your expectations?

4. What does it mean to you to be a counsellor?

5. When do you do your counselling?

6. How does your volunteer role affect relationships outside of hospice?

7. What does supervision mean to you?

8. If we were attending a supervision group, describe for me what would happen

9. You arrive for a counselling session at a client’s house. Describe for me what would happen.

10. What types of counselling do you do?

11. What is the difference between this counselling role and the other volunteer roles offered at hospice?

12. What do you feel could benefit volunteers?

13. What do you see as the aim of hospice counselling?
14. Is the practical counselling situation compatible with these aims?

15. What feelings are involved for you in your volunteer role?

16. What are your ideas on death?

17. How have you changed as a person and counsellor since being at hospice?

18. How have your views changed since you have been at hospice?
Title of study: Exploring the role of hospice volunteer: An ethnographic approach.

Purpose of the study: To provide an integrated picture of the volunteers, their role, the human dimensions of this experience, and the impact this has on their lives.

Role of the participant: To participate in a number of interviews regarding their experience of the hospice volunteer role.

Information: The information shared during the interviews will be used as a basis for a masters thesis in psychology.

Researcher: As a researcher I intend to do my utmost to protect the identity of those volunteers involved in the study. It is possible that other individuals from the local context of the hospice organisation, who may read the thesis, might recognise the volunteers based on the description contained in the case studies. The volunteers will have an opportunity to negotiate the final content of their case study with the researcher. I understand that participation of the volunteers in the study is completely voluntary. The volunteer may withdraw from the study at any time.

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