

Our Duty Parent Support Group for children and young people with Gender Dysphoria

Questions

1 Do you have any comments on the proposal that applicants must live in their acquired gender for at least 3 months before applying for a GRC?

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

What does 'living as acquired gender' even mean? It's meaningless. I can put on men's clothing and cut my hair short. It is simply a set of stereotypes that is pushed on us.

Three months is no time at all. There will be insufficient gatekeeping to prevent abuse of self-ID and young people being rushed through in error.

2 Do you have any comments on the proposal that applicants must go through a period of reflection for at least 3 months before obtaining a GRC?

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

Please see previous comment. Three months is no time at all. How can this be sufficient time for anyone to understand and experience the ramifications of this decision.

3 Should the minimum age at which a person can apply for legal gender recognition be reduced from 18 to 16?

No

If you wish, please give reasons for your view.:

The part of the brain involved in decision and logic does not reach full maturity until the mid-twenties. The average age of detransitioners is mid-twenties. An adolescent is not capable of seeing a broader view of their decision and their bodies are not fully developed. Giving harmful medications that interfere with this process is harmful and will lead to much regret.

4 Do you have any other comments on the provisions of the draft Bill?

Not Answered

If yes, please outline these comments.:

What justification is there for allowing someone to switch the sex on their birth certificate without a medical diagnosis of gender dysphoria? This is leaving it wide open for abuse.

Surely only people with this rare medical condition and who have been through a sincere, professionally monitored medical process should continue to have this right.

The Government is failing to take into account the consequences of changing the meaning of 'man' and 'woman' from a biological definition to one based on a self-declared feeling. There is plenty of evidence that taking this stance has already been detrimental to women's and children's rights.

5 Do you have any comments on the draft Impact Assessments?

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

They are not thorough or extensive enough. Simply not fit for purpose. Surely women and children are worthy of more?