

Catholic Truth

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.:

There is absolutely no scientific or medical evidence to support the belief that a man can become a woman and a woman can become a man. It's nonsense.

<https://www.thenewamerican.com/culture/item/23934-study-finds-no-scientific-basis-for-transgenderism>

It is astonishing and worrying that any Government would give credence to something that is nothing more than a fad, involving a fraction of the population, but if encouraged and promoted, would affect us all detrimentally, and in some cases, dangerously. The following link to the website of the Terrence Higgins Trust contains explicit (and disgusting) descriptions of sexual activity for "trans women" which are self-evidently dangerous to the individuals concerned; the cost to the NHS of these behaviours (not to mention the unnecessary surgery involved) is also likely to be high

<https://www.tht.org.uk/hiv-and-sexual-health/sexual-health/improving-your-sexual-health/sex-trans-woman>

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.:

Three months is a ridiculously short time to reflect on anything so serious, not least because the person is required to promise to live in this "new" gender until death. People take a lot longer than three months to make other major decisions, such as changing jobs or careers. This is surely much more important and given the increasing number of people who transitioned and then regretted it. The following link is to a website run by a man who transitioned and lived as a woman for 8 years. He now tries to help others in the same position.

<https://sexchangeregret.com/>

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.:

16 is far too young for someone making such a huge decision. Young people are impressionable and often easily swayed by "causes" of various kinds, so the danger of wishing to associate themselves with a "victimized" group, must be taken into account. The case of the young person who is suing the Tavistock Clinic for not challenging the desire to switch genders was featured on BBC News recently, and other cases have challenged the narrative of the transgender lobby about the safety of puberty blockers etc/

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51033911>

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

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

I wish to repeat my astonishment that the Scottish Government appears to wish to pursue this transgender philosophy, when it is not based on any scientific or medical evidence. For some people to claim that their gender/sex affects them mentally, suggests that they need professional psychological help - not a "new" body.

For the Scottish Government to give credence to the "transgender" philosophy is unconscionable; indeed, to actively pursue, and seek to write into law, the baseless claim that men can become women and women can become men, is to attack our very humanity.

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

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

The impact of this Bill on the population of Scotland can only be negative. If passed, this Bill will bring further social and moral deterioration - among which will be demands for an even further lowering of the age at which a young person can claim a "new" gender - we know that already very young children are being encouraged to "transition". It's beyond belief that any Government would not realise the consequences, whether intended or unintended, of passing such legislation.

Future claims in the courts will confirm that this Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill will impact to the detriment of individuals, and to Scottish society in general.

To legislate to encourage the baseless belief that men can become women and women can become men, is dangerous. The whole "trans" movement is an attack on our very humanity.