

## **SNP Alyth Branch**

**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.:**

This should not be a part political issue but down to individual's conscious.

**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.:**

Should be substantially more than three months and require psychological assessment. What is to stop a sexual predator from pretending that they want to transition over a 3 month period and being granted access to other people's safe spaces such as women's shelters etc. People should be allowed to live in that period free of discrimination. However, it causes a problem when for example a man has to or is supposed to live like a women but quiet clearly before any surgery takes place they are not physically the opposite gender which raises genuine concerns about safety and privacy on the part of other people, e.g. in ladies toilets and changing rooms etc. The proposed legislation is purely from the prospective of the cross gender person and ignoring the reality and concerns of the vastly greater majority of other people.

**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.:**

Too early people's brains have not finished developing. Recent research has demonstrated that peoples' brains do not actually mature until mid 20s. At the age of 16 people are not fully able to work out what they want to do.

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

Yes

**If yes, please outline these comments.:**

The Gender Recognition Certificate should be issued by a medically trained person rather than simply a Registrar.

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

Yes

**If yes, please outline these comments.:**

The Gender Recognition Bill should not be rushed and requires more time for all parties to consider the significant implications.