

Allsorts Youth Project

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 no evidence to suggest this arbitrary time period is necessary or beneficial in any way.

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.:

Similarly to question 1, there is no evidence to suggest this arbitrary time period is necessary. Trans people have normally spent an enormous amount of time considering their decision to transition before beginning the process, so this is unnecessary.

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

Yes

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

We support the decision to lower the age for gender recognition to 16, in line with 16 and 17 years olds being able to marry, work and vote etc. Further, children under 16 should be able to update their birth certificate with the aid of parental consent. This is particularly important in protecting their privacy, as young people often need to use birth certificates more than adults do.

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

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

I support the bill, but feel it needs to go further so that all parts of the trans community can benefit from this legislative change. Making gender recognition more straightforward will relieve a lot of stress for many trans people. I think it is important that this bill is inclusive of non-binary people.

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

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

This bill will improve rights for trans people, but will not have a detrimental impact on anyone else's rights. This simply ensures that trans people's privacy is respected when getting a job, marrying and how they are recognised after death.