

## **New Family Social**

### **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.:**

We agree that the timescale should be substantially reduced, or preferably eliminated. In our experience people do not seek to change their legal sex on a whim and therefore a waiting period is unnecessary.

**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.:**

Our view is that the proposed period of reflection should be eliminated. In our experience people do not seek to change their legal sex on a whim and therefore an additional reflection period is unnecessary since substantial reflection will have already taken place.

**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.:**

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

Yes

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

The legislative failure to address the needs and rights of those people with non-binary identities remains a problem. It is creating a subset of gender-variant people with no right to recognition. This needs to be addressed.

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

No

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