

## **Victim Support Scotland**

**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?**

No

If yes, please outline these comments.:

**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?**

No

If yes, please outline these comments.:

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

Don't know

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.:

Following input from a service user, Victim Support Scotland support the proposals laid out in the Bill to move to a less invasive statutory declaration that does not require applicants who have been victims of sexual offences and other crimes to relieve their experiences in order to 'prove' their gender identity and access the services and support they require.

Victim Support Scotland would also seek assurances as the Bill progresses that consideration is given to the production of guidelines and training of staff in gender clinics to ensure they are trauma-informed.

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

No

If yes, please outline these comments.: