

A New Normal Ltd

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.:

This is not an appropriate requirement. It removes the autonomy of the individual who will doubtless have gone through their own difficult journey to reach a place where they are ready to do this. There is no evidence to suggest that this is necessary.

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.:

As a passionate trans ally, I've never met a trans person who hadn't gone through an extensive period of self-reflection before making the decision to even come out as trans. Imposing a further 3 months delay is patronising and 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.:

Of course it should! The gatekeeper age for many other, huge decisions is 16. Young people do not do this anymore lightly than adults.

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

No

If yes, please outline these comments.:

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

No

If yes, please outline these comments.: