

Calderdale ReSisters

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 worry that 3 months is not sufficient time for an individual to have proper health assessments as part of their transition. We also worry that by making the process in affect available to anyone, disregarding the safeguarding protocol of the original GRA, you leave the process wide open for nefarious applicants.

If anyone can self-ID as a women in as little as 3 months without a diagnosis of gender dysphoria, you will effectingly erase the meaning of the word women.

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?

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 Bill should be rejected in its entirety as the consultation paper (section 2.13) states our current legislation fully meets European law and there is no requirement for it to be reformed. There is absolutely no justification for allowing someone to switch the sex on their birth certificate without a medical diagnosis of gender dysphoria. Only people with this rare medical condition and who have been through a sincere, professionally monitored medical process should continue to have this right.

The Government has failed to take into account the consequences of changing the meaning of 'man' and 'woman' from a biological definition to one based on a self-

declared feeling. There is plenty of evidence that taking this stance has already been detrimental to women's and children's rights.

Many women like us are old enough to remember when there were no women's sports, and it was legal to sack a woman due to pregnancy. Two women a week are being killed in this country by men. Women are a distinct sex class. Already the lines are being blurred and transwomen are being sent to women's prisons. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] highlights exactly how vulnerable women are in prison. They should not be locked up with male rapists. It is a disgrace that women are still thought of as second class citizens that their rights are being shoved aside for the rights of a tiny minority of people.

Why should our girls have their privacy and dignity removed in toilets and changing rooms to make way for the feelings of boy and men that feel like a woman. Women and girls have the right in law to have privacy in changing room and sleeping accommodation. If any man can self-id as a woman, then the Equality Act is useless and women's rights will have gone.

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

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

The Impact Assessments are not fit for purpose. They do not follow the Scottish Government's own standards of looking at the possible consequences of any law or policy change, and incorrectly state this Bill will have no adverse impact on the female sex. They are not thorough, comprehensive or evidence-based.