

Men At Work C.I.C

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 definition of 'living in acquired gender'. It is literally meaningless. If there is no definition, how can it be tested or proven? It can't.

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.:

The Bill offers a scarcely-credible opportunity for abusive males to gain unchallenged access to female spaces. A 'period of reflection' would be, instead, a period of increasing excitement.

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.:

How can a person of 16 have acquired the maturity to understand the multiple impacts of such a change? Young people who take such a step will gravitate towards an experimental and controversial medical pathway which we know leads to loss of sexual function, infertility, and lifelong medication. Research shows that, for 80% of young people, feelings of gender dysphoria resolve with maturity. The causes for both the rapid increase in children seeking medical help and detransitioners (those who return to their original sex having been through the medical route) needs to be investigated before any law change extends the right to legally change sex to young people

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

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.