

Aberdeenshire Council

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?

Not Answered

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?

Not Answered

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?

Yes

If you wish, please give reasons for your view.:

Aberdeenshire council would agree, based on the principle that Age is one of the Protected Characteristics specified in the Equality Act 2010. The proposal to lower the age for gender recognition to 16 would be in line with the rights of 16 and 17 year olds in Scotland to marry, vote, and gain employment. The ability to change the birth certificate would be in keeping with this.

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

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

There are gaps with regards to non-binary people (those who do not identify as exclusively male or female).

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

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

The Bill covers the process of how transgender people's birth certificates are changed. This impacts the level of privacy they are entitled to such as when getting a job or marrying as well as how they are recognised after death.