

Midlothian 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?

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

Midlothian Council agrees there needs to be a minimum period of 3 months before applying for a GRC, and a 3 month reflection period thereafter.

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.:

Midlothian Council considers this good practice given the significance of the decision.

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.:

At 18 young people are more likely to be mature enough to consider the long term consequences of their decision making.

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

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

Midlothian Council would want to make sure that counselling and other support services are available for those considering transitioning.

Midlothian Council would also want to support safeguards for single sex spaces where it's a proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim.

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

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

The draft assessments appear to be well balanced and well evidenced.