

1) Minutes from Ministerial meeting with Glasgow City Parents Group 16 May 2024

Ending Conversion Practices Bill Team
Equality, Inclusion and Human Rights Directorate
16/05/2024

Minister for Equalities

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Attendees:

[REDACTED – s38(1)(b)], Glasgow City Parent Group
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Scottish Government Officials:

[REDACTED – s38(1)(b)], Ending Conversion Practices Bill team leader
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Minutes

1. [REDACTED – s38(1)(b)] welcomed attendees, explained the purpose of the session and outlined housekeeping rules.
2. Minister thanked attendees for their time and gave an introductory speech.
3. [REDACTED – s38(1)(b)] gave a presentation outlining proposals for ending conversion practices, as detailed in our public consultation.
4. [REDACTED – s38(1)(b)] noted that it is important that young people are feeding into legislation and that their views are being heard and considered.
5. [REDACTED – s38(1)(b)] noted that some of the definitions used in the consultation are not clear.
6. [REDACTED – s38(1)(b)] explained that we are listening to the feedback we are receiving about the need for clarity on definitions, and this is something we are working to address.
7. Officials gave an outline of the next steps of the consultation process and explained that we are happy to meet with any other groups that would like to meet with us as we want to hear everyone's views.
8. [REDACTED – s38(1)(b)] noted that the proposals strike a good balance between allowing people freedom of thought, but not allowing anyone to force their views on to others and cause harm. [REDACTED – s38(1)(b)] considers proposals to be workable and positive.
9. [REDACTED – s38(1)(b)] asked about the next step of the process in relation to Equality Impact Assessments (EQIA).
10. [REDACTED – s38(1)(b)] explained that EQIA is considered from the start of the process, and we included a number of questions on this in our consultation in

order to gather people's views about where proposals may interact so this can be considered.

11. [REDACTED – s38(1)(b)] noted the recent report by Dr Hillary Cass (referred to as The Cass Review/Report) regarding gender healthcare services in England, and asked what the Scottish Government's response was to this report. [REDACTED – s38(1)(b)] added that teachers, parents and clinicians are scared of supporting children.
12. [REDACTED – s38(1)(b)] noted that the Scottish Government is analysing the Cass review and considering its implications. [REDACTED – s38(1)(b)] added that the consultation is clear that practices which help a person explore their gender identity and sexual orientation will not be captured by proposals. We are clear that exploratory conversations will not be banned, and we are capturing only harmful and coercive practices.
13. [REDACTED – s38(1)(b)] noted that mental health support is key for all, as is education and outreach with ethnic minority communities. [REDACTED – s38(1)(b)] added that there needs to be better mental health support for both the person questioning their SOGI and their families as some parents feel left behind.
14. Minister thanked attendees for their contributions and explained the next steps in the process regarding analysis and development of the final legislation. She added that engagement with parents will continue at every stage of the process.