

The Equality and Human Rights Commission has warned of consequences relating to the collection and use of data, participation in sport, measures to address barriers facing women, and practices within the criminal justice system, amongst others.

Men who say they are women have already claimed it is their right to be treated on female hospital wards, access women's refuges, join women's sports teams, have sex-specific crimes such as rape recorded as if committed by a woman, be housed in female prisons, and provide intimate care and counselling to women who would prefer female carers.

This already happens in Scotland and is encouraged by the Government, who, contrary to the Equality Act, recently declared that men can self-identify into women's and girls' changing rooms and toilets.

The Government has also ignored the advice of the Children's Commissioner who warns their plan conflicts with our understanding of the cognitive development of young people. There has been a stratospheric increase in child referrals to NHS gender clinics - coinciding with trans organisations pouring materials into schools telling kids from nursery age that there is something wrong with their body if they prefer the toys or clothes traditionally associated with the other sex.

Legislating on this basis is irresponsible and affirms young people as trans when evidence shows the vast majority will become comfortable with their body as they grow up. The increasing number of detransitioners have been abandoned and denied a pathway to revoke a GRC without incriminating themselves as having made a false declaration.

### **What can I do?**

**Learn** more about the Gender Recognition Reform Bill.

**Ask** your MSPs to commit publicly to the Equality Act and vote against the Bill to protect women as a sex-class and our legal rights.

**Complete** a short form to the Committee currently looking at the Bill to change the law.



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