

Can your MSPs answer these questions?

1. Does gaining a Gender Recognition Certificate change a person's sex for the Equality Act 2010?

A recent judicial review decision was clear that sex is defined in the Equality Act as a biological term, but the Scottish Government now thinks the female sex includes biological males who obtain a Gender Recognition Certificate. A further court case is now underway and until the judgment how can MSPs be sure of the legal effects of a GRC? Does enabling men without gender dysphoria to obtain a GRC change who is defined as a woman - which is a power reserved to Westminster?

2. How can single-sex spaces or same-sex healthcare be protected?

Many organisations already have policies that allow people to choose which sex they are treated as. This results in male sex offenders in women's prisons, men in women's hospital wards, male counsellors at rape crisis centres, and boys in the girls changing rooms at school. NHS boards say the privacy clause of the GRA means they cannot guarantee a female healthcare practitioner when one is requested. The Scottish Government can't say how they, or service providers, can protect women's spaces and services.

3. What are the cross-border effects?

How will it work if the UK Government does not accept new Scottish GRCs? How long does an English person have to be "ordinarily resident" in Scotland before applying for a GRC? Has the impact on marriages, schools and prisons for Scottish-born applicants living elsewhere in the UK been resolved?

4. Is this in the best interests of children?

No-one can explain the rapid increase in children referred to gender clinics or given experimental drugs to prevent puberty. The effect of Government guidance for schools to allow breast binding and name/pronoun changes is not acknowledged. Legal affirmation with a GRC contradicts best therapeutic practice, with most children's dysphoria resolving with maturity. The NHS gave evidence that decisions to socially transition take longer than 6 months. The growing number of young detransitioners shows major issues.

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If any MSP can't answer these questions to your satisfaction ask them to **VOTE AGAINST** the gender reform bill at the Stage 1 vote in Parliament.