



Restore Safeguarding - End Sex Falsification

Dear Keir Starmer,

Women's Declaration International UK is the UK branch of Women's Declaration International, an organisation which advocates for the sex-based rights of women internationally.

We are writing to ask you to restore safeguarding for women and children and to end sex-falsification. Law, policy and practice which enable individuals to falsify their sex creates serious safeguarding risks, which we outline in the attached paper.

We are calling for an end to the incorporation of "gender identity" and "gender reassignment", and for the repeal of the Gender Recognition Act.

The Supreme Court last month heard the case of For Women Scotland (FWS) vs Scottish Ministers. The key issue was whether s.9 (1) of the Gender Recognition Act 2004 means that a man with a Gender Recognition Certificate (GRC) becomes a "woman" for all purposes, including the Equality Act.

During the hearing it quickly became apparent that the application of s.9 (1) makes the Equality Act unworkable and erodes many of its protections for women, children and vulnerable groups. It means that men who hold a GRC cannot be excluded from some spaces and services designated as women-only. Heterosexual men with a GRC become legally "lesbians" and cannot be excluded from lesbian associations of 25+ women.

Women who hold a GRC would be designated as men in all circumstances, including pregnancy. This means that they would be treated as "pregnant men", and so denied all of the protections for pregnant and nursing women afforded in the Equality Act and elsewhere.

Additionally, serious safeguarding risks have been created by policies based on de facto self-declaration of "gender identity", which have been widely adopted throughout the UK in recent years.

The attached paper demonstrates how the current situation endangers women and children and impacts on major areas of public policy, including criminal justice, the national health service and education. It sets out a rationale for restoring safeguarding through the repeal of the Gender Recognition Act; the removal of "gender reassignment" as a protected characteristic in the Equality Act; and the ending of the de facto self-declaration of 'gender identity' in public and private institutions and in identity documents. The paper also suggests ways in which individuals who currently have the protected characteristic of "gender reassignment" could retain full legal protections from discrimination and harassment.

We trust you will give the paper due consideration. Please let us know if you would like any further information. We would be happy to meet with you to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of Women's Declaration International UK

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