

Saints LGBT+

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.:

We strongly support the GRA's change from a 2 year period to a much shorter one. As a leader of the trans community in my town, I've seen a great many trans people, especially young ones, consider their transition for many years before beginning any social transition. By the time they come out, they do not need 2 years of experience to know that they feel far happier living in their own gender. I have seen time and time again that the hardest time for trans people is the time they are waiting for being able to do what they'd like to do to move forward. Minimising these sorts of bureaucratic technicalities would significantly help the mental wellbeing of our community here.

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.:

We believe that this is a positive change, and fully support the 3 months reflective period.

3 Should the minimum age at which a person can apply for legal gender recognition be reduced from 18 to 16?

Yes

If you wish, please give reasons for your view.:

We strongly believe that this is a benefit. Many university students here aim to arrive in Uni with their legal gender all sorted out. Having the ability to legally fix their gender to correspond to their actual gender would sort a huge amount of the stress that it causes them. Much of what I then do is ensure all these incoming students who have not gotten a GRC to get their university records updated, a long and complex process requiring much time and stress.

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

Not Answered

If yes, please outline these comments.:

We strongly believe that the government should introduce non-binary recognition. the majority of our non-cis students here are non-binary, and face significant troubles for it. Legal recognition would provide pressure to all sorts of institutions to provide non-binary recognition and support.

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

No

If yes, please outline these comments.: