The Gender Recognition Act 2004

1 The initial view of Scottish Government is that applicants for legal gender recognition should no longer need to produce medical evidence or evidence that they have lived in their acquired gender for a defined period. The Scottish Government proposes to bring forward legislation to introduce a self-declaratory system for legal gender recognition instead.

Agree

If you want, you can give reasons for your answer, or make comments. :

2 Should applicants to the proposed gender recognition system in Scotland have to provide a statutory declaration confirming they know what they are doing and intend to live in their acquired gender until death?

No

If you want, you can give reasons for your answer or make comments. :

3 Should there be a limit on the number of times a person can get legal gender recognition?

Don't know

If you want, you can give reasons for your answer or make comments. :

4 If the Scottish Government takes forward legislation to adopt a self-declaration system for legal gender recognition, should this arrangement be open:

B. to everyone?

If you want, you can give reasons for your answer or make comments. :

5 The Scottish Government proposes that people aged 16 and 17 should be able to apply for and obtain legal recognition of their acquired gender. Do you agree or disagree?

Agree

If you want, you can give reasons for your answer or add comments. :

6 Which of the identified options for children under 16 do you most favour?

Option 3 – parental application

If you want, you can give reasons for your answer, add comments, or describe your preferred option if none of the options given reflects your views. :

Marriage and Civil Partnership

7 Should it be possible to apply for and obtain legal gender recognition without any need for spousal consent?

Yes

If you want, you can give reasons for your answer or add comments. :

8 Civil partnership is only available to same sex couples. This means that the civil partners cannot remain in their civil partnership if one of them wishes to obtain a full Gender Recognition Certificate.

Yes

If you want, you can give reasons for your answer or add comments. :
Only if the partner in question is willing to do so after transition

9 Should legal gender recognition stop being a ground of divorce or dissolution?

No

If you want, you can give reasons for your answer or add comments. :
If someone no longer wants to be a their born gender and the spouse does not wish for that to happen, I believe that it a valid ground for divorce
Other aspects of the 2004 Act

10 Are any changes to section 22 (prohibition on disclosure of information) necessary?

Yes

If you answered Yes, describe the changes you consider are needed.:
Issue with the following: The provision makes it an offence for a person who has acquired ‘protected information’ in an official capacity to disclose that information. How is a transitioning person not able to disclose what they are doing. Serious issues surrounding mental health are very common and if they don’t have the support from friends and family, this will be a huge problem!

11 Should a person who has been recognised in their acquired gender under the law of another jurisdiction be automatically recognised in Scotland without having to make an application?

Yes

If you want, you can give reasons for your answer or add comments.:

Non-binary people

12 Should Scotland take action to recognise non-binary people?

Yes

If you answered No, and if you want, you can give reasons for your answer.:

13 If you answered Yes to Question 12, which of the identified options to give recognition to non-binary people do you support? You can select more than one option.

Option 1: Changes to administrative forms, Option 2: Book of Non-binary Identity, Option 4: Full recognition using proposed self-declaration system, Option 5: Incremental approach

If you want, you can give reasons for your answer, add comments or, if you think none of Options 1 to 6 is suitable, describe your preferred option.:

14 At paragraph 7.26. and in Annex J we have identified the consequential legal impacts if non-binary people could obtain legal gender recognition using the proposed self-declaration system.

No

If you answered Yes, describe the impacts you have identified.:

Conclusion

15 Do you have any comments about, or evidence relevant to:

No

If you answered Yes, add your comments or evidence.:

16 Do you have any further comments about the review of the Gender Recognition Act 2004?

No

If you answered Yes, add your comments.:

About You

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Organisation

What is your organisation?

Organisation:
The Robert Gordon University Sports Clubs

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I am the President of Sport and Physical Activity and I encourage all of RGU’s students to have a healthy relationship with physical activity and the stress relief it provides.

As well as this I want the Sports clubs and the university to be an escape for those who are non-binary, transitioning or who have transitioned.

Where are you resident?

Scotland

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