The UK made legal provision for people to change gender by passing the Gender Recognition Act in 2004. Though this generated little controversy at the time, it was a mistake. We are now seeing its consequences unfolding.

The idea that a person's "gender identity" can differ from their real sex if they feel that it does is dangerous. A person's subjective sense of gender does not define whether they are a man or a woman.



This ideology of gender fluidity is causing great harm. Countless people are being inspired to experiment with and adopt new gender identities. Presenting changing gender as normal, natural and healthy is grossly irresponsible.

The proposed simplifications to the legal gender recognition process will further encourage the view that gender change is a straight forward and simple option for young people.



We acknowledge the difficulty some people experience in accepting their sex, but this is a psychological problem. Support should be aimed at bringing their sense of gender identity into alignment with their sex.

Many people who have transitioned to the opposite gender deeply regret their decision and would wind back the clock if they could, but gender reassignment procedures can be both drastic and irreversible.

Many women are rightly very concerned about women-only spaces being open to men who identify as women.



Introducing children to this idea is sinister, yet this is exactly what is happening in Scottish primary schools.

Children are being taught that they can choose a different gender according to how they feel. Schools enable children to change gender, name and pronouns. Parents are not even informed unless the child agrees to them being involved.

By this process, schools are helping to turn what might have been a temporary episode of gender confusion into a lifelong life-changing problem.

A man can't become a woman and a woman can't become a man.

The sooner we regain this truth, the sooner the harm being caused by transgender ideology can be stopped.

## **Our Policies on Transgenderism**

The philosophy of gender fluidity is dangerous to young people, leading to confusion and unhelpful experimentation.

Teaching children that they can choose their gender is extremely harmful. Steering children and young people towards puberty-blocking drugs and sex reassignment surgery is grossly irresponsible, given that a clear majority of children will naturally outgrow gender confusion. Parents should be free to overrule interventions by government agents when guiding their children on such matters.

Medical confidentiality should not be granted to under 16s, unless there are credible allegations of parental abuse. Parents should be fully informed and involved, instead of the current culture of offering to keep secrets from parents.

Transgender "treatments" for under 16s should be stopped.

We oppose any legal system for changing gender as it will always undermine the right of women to same sex spaces and communicate a harmful understanding of sex and gender.

The only exception to this should be for intersex people, though we would allow those who have already changed gender to remain in their new legal gender.

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## Can a man become a woman?



