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Sally Hines' evidence to the WESC.

'I do not accept that male violence is a thing.'

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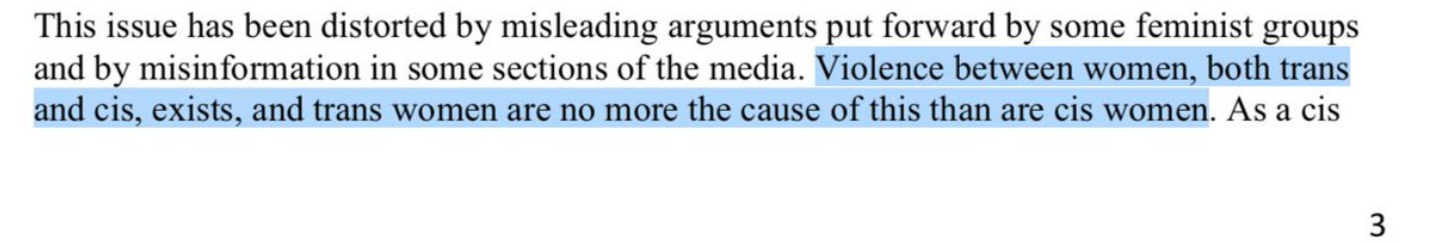

This issue has been distorted by misleading arguments put forward by some feminist groups and by misinformation in some sections of the media. Violence between women, both trans and cis, exists, and trans women are no more the cause of this than are cis women. As a cis

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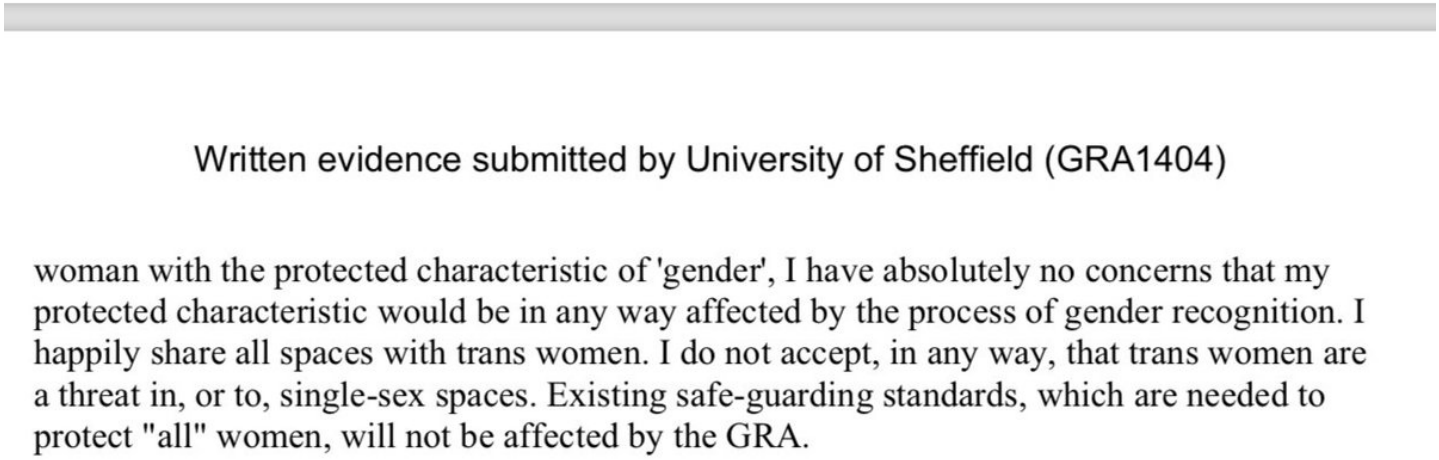

Written evidence submitted by University of Sheffield (GRA1404)

woman with the protected characteristic of 'gender', I have absolutely no concerns that my protected characteristic would be in any way affected by the process of gender recognition. I happily share all spaces with trans women. I do not accept, in any way, that trans women are a threat in, or to, single-sex spaces. Existing safe-guarding standards, which are needed to protect "all" women, will not be affected by the GRA.

Stephen Whittle.

'I consider female people having any spaces or services to themselves, or being able to stipulate intimate care from people of their own sex, to be a legal abhorrence.'

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Qu13 Are the provisions in the Equality Act for the provision of single sex and separate spaces and facilities in some circumstances clear and useable for service providers and service users? If not, is reform or further guidance needed?

I personally think the exemptions under the Equality Act 2010 have worked well, as they make the providers of single sex services properly address whether excluding a trans person would be a legitimate and proportionate response. In practice, many women-only organisations deal with this issue sensitively and have been inclusive of trans people in almost all circumstances, having found that exclusion would be disproportionate.

However, I recognise that there is an important lack of clarity as to whether a person with a Gender Recognition certificate can or cannot be excluded, from a single sex service. Clearly I believe that gender recognition should afford as per the words of the Act, recognition for all legal purposes. I believe the notion that a person with a Gender Recognition certificate could be excluded from an appropriately 'gendered' single sex service a legal abhorrence which runs counter to the provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights, the Human Rights Act 1998, and the Gender Recognition Act 2004. There is a need for important clarification on this point.

'Stonewall considers allowing ppl access to the spaces and services of the other sex on the basis of nothing but self declaration regardless of the obvious ways this can be abused and the evidence that it already has been to be sensible.'

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- Regarding the commitments made by the UK Government, there must be a clear timeline for the process of streamlining and digitising the GRC application process.
- Stonewall welcomes the move to a nominal fee but calls for it be removed entirely; as well as the removal of the requirement for a gender dysphoria diagnosis, of the two year waiting period, and of the additional requirement to provide two medical reports.
- Stonewall believes a system of self-determination is a sensible approach to gender recognition, including a statutory declaration as the only legal requirement.
- Stonewall believes that 16 and 17-year-olds should be able to achieve legal gender recognition using the same process as trans people aged 18+, with a system based on parental consent available to under-16s.

'We still don't understand the law'

Q13. Are the provisions in the Equality Act for the provision of single-sex and separate-sex spaces and facilities in some circumstances clear and useable for service providers and service users? If not, is reform or further guidance needed?

61. Under the Equality Act 2010, the protected characteristic of 'gender reassignment' ensures most trans people can access single-sex services in line with their gender, and are not required to obtain a Gender Recognition Certificate (GRC), or have undergone any form of medical intervention, to be eligible for support in these services.

'Yeah, we really don't understand the law.'

64. The Equality Act and the accompanying Statutory Code of Practice also makes provision for single-sex services to provide a different service, or refuse their services, to someone who is undergoing, has undergone or is proposing to undergo 'gender reassignment' (regardless of whether or not they have a GRC), in exceptional individual circumstances where they can demonstrate that doing so constitutes a 'proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim'.

Alex Sharpe

'Yeah, I know our biggest lobby group just submitted evidence that the EA gives trans women access to women's spaces but actually, the EA says the opposite, and people only think that b/c of those lying feminist witches.'

Um. Okay.

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3. In her evidence, Professor Stock, appears to acknowledge that when you "drill down" it may be reform of the GRA will not impact the sex-based exceptions. However, she insisted "in the ordinary person's mind they [the GRA/EA] seem to relate" by which I understood her to mean, there is a (mistaken) belief reform will undermine the sex-based exceptions. She confirmed the same when she stated: "it's normal people will assume that if someone has a GRC they will be entitled to access all the spaces, resources and groups someone of the opposite sex would." It is clear under the Equality Act that trans women can be excluded from women-only spaces, whether or not they have a GRC, wherever exclusion is 'a proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim,' but not otherwise. If people are labouring under a misapprehension about this legal position, it is likely to be due, at least in part, to the way gender critical feminists have created a moral panic around gender segregated spaces over the last two years.

Fucking incredible.

Stonewall argues that 'gender reassignment' in the EA gives access to women's spaces and exclusion is only allowed in exceptional individual circumstances.

*And have been going around the country giving most of our public institutions training disseminating

this version of the law.*

Sharpe then argues that the EA allows exclusion, and that the only reason why women think there is a threat to their spaces is because we got out knickers in a big moral panicky twist.

Yeah. Right. Nothing to do with Stonewall. Of course.

CAN YOU JOKERS GET YOUR STORY STRAIGHT FOR ONE SECOND????

Brighton Survivor's Network. This is the only rape crisis service in Brighton.

'Please abolish female only spaces in law yes we are supposed to care for female survivors of male violence but fuck those bigoted bitches.'

JFC. Jesus Christ.

Shame on you.

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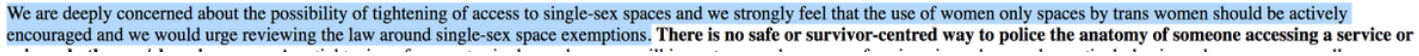
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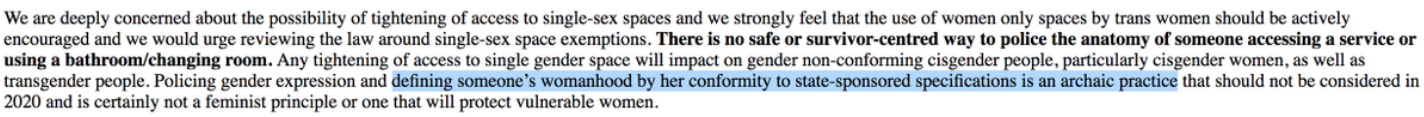
Look at this steaming pile of abstruse gaslighting bullshit.

'Defining womanhood' = 'Defining female people'

'By conformity to state-sponsored specification' = By being female.

= 'Defining female people as female is *archaic*'

F absolute FS.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'We are committed to the ideology redefining female ppl on the basis of their conformity to gender stereotypes and to the human rights of all survivors providing they are not female survivors of male violence who want to be supported in a female-only environment'

We consider a trans inclusive feminism to be key to our values and central to our services as a Rape Crisis Centre. Our policies are led by a commitment to equality and support for all survivors. We are committed to supporting our trans siblings in their survival journey, and we are committed to speaking up as a feminist organisation when we see the human rights of survivors being threatened.

'They are going to rape you anyway.'

FROM A SURVIVORS SERVICE.

There is no string of expletives at my disposal sufficient to express how fucking disgusting this is.

We also know all too well that predatory men are already able to enact their abuse with few repercussions, including entering changing rooms and public toilets – they do not need to pretend to be part of a marginalised community to break the law and to violate women, and suggesting that they would do so is entirely unsubstantiated.

Mermaids. Singing from Stonewall's hymn sheet. Obviously didn't check with Alex Sharpe.

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'Don't worry women, you'll still be allowed female only services for things like Rape Crisis, the law says so.... oh, did the Survivor's Network say that anyone who wants a female only service is a nasty bitch, um, nothing to do with us.'

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13.2 The EA10 also contains two significant exceptions which entitle providers of single-sex services and communal accommodations to exclude trans people as a 'proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim'. The prime example referred to in the Explanatory Notes is a counselling service for vulnerable women, where service users may refuse to attend sessions if trans women are permitted to attend.

So we have a bunch of submissions which argue that none of this effects women's services and only lying feminists would say that, which also includes *submissions from women's services which show that their ideology has already destroyed them.*

This is a perfect illustration of what has been going on these last years.

Simultaneously talking out of both sides of their mouths. Telling us that there is no impact on our spaces and we're evil and hysterical to suggest it, while also saying they have access to all our spaces

anyway, and managers of women's services writing submissions explaining how those services already no longer exist, and while you're here, can you abolish the the exemptions.

Yeah. We're just imagining it. Right. Of course. Crazy women.

You gaslighting assholes.