

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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Submitter Comments:

My concerns for this bill are covered by a statement by the United Nations advisor Reem Alsalem, on her statement directed towards the Scottish Parliament and the dangers towards vulnerable women and girls. Self identification allows for a lowering of safeguarding measures which enable any male to enter female space and stops females from being able to request single sex services.(It also renders birth certificates to be irrelevant when gender identity is recorded rather than sex. It is no longer a historical document, but a self selecting identity document.)These female services include domestic violence shelters, rape recovery centres, homeless shelters, nursing home care, disability care, intimate care for both the elderly and those with disability, prisons etc. I am aware that the particular politician involved in putting this bill forward is refusing to listen to concerned women's groups, victims already affected by this self ID law in other areas of the world where women are speaking up.I ask this politician if she will take sole responsibility for any and all abuse of women and girls that will result from her removing any remaining safeguards that women might currently have to simply say 'no, get out', or 'I request female only care'...and for them to be listened to and not dismissed or accused of not following the law.If she truly cares for female domestic violence victims, she would be placing exemptions on self ID documents and allowing female only spaces to continue for DV shelters, prisons etc. She would be putting restrictions on male prisoners convicted of violence against women...and not allowing them to identify into the women's prisons after conviction...If she truly believes in this bill, then she can take personal responsibility for any violence committed by those taking advantage of this bill.If she really cared for vulnerable minority women, she would come out and talk to those women who are concerned, and not just promote what she wants to believe this bill will do.