

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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One of the more common questions that's asked when getting people to think about their future is: "how do you want people to remember you?" The question is most often asked when we're thinking about the impact we want to have on others, but it can also apply to the desire to be known for who you - to be remembered as a funny person, as a great writer, as the person who made the best cookies, as trans or nonbinary. At present, there are laws in place to protect transgender and gender diverse people in life, but there are numerous restrictions that mean many trans and nonbinary people will be misgendered in death; their death certificate can, and often does, contain the sex marker they were assigned at birth, rather than the gender that they are. It's not fair that people who aren't trans or nonbinary can expect to be gendered correctly in both life and death, but trans and nonbinary people can't. It's not right that their desire and right to be known as who they are can be stripped from them in death, that they can be misremembered. I hope that Parliament will consider extending protections for trans and gender diverse people to protect them in death, as well as life.