

## **Gender Recognition Reform Bill**

This Bill aims to lower the age one can apply for a Gender Recognition Certificate (GRC) from 18 to 16, while also lowering the required time one must have lived in their acquired gender from 2 years to 3 months for adults and 6 months for those under the age of 18. Furthermore, the Bill removes important safeguards currently required when applying for a GRC, such as the need of a medical diagnosis.

I recognise that improvements to the system of gender recognition would be beneficial for trans people.

MSPs from my party were allowed a free vote because this debate needs to be constructive with concerns about the Bill listened to and addressed. It is unfortunate that the SNP, Scottish Labour, and the Scottish Liberal Democrats did not do that with their own MSPs and forced them to vote for the Bill