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# CHALLENGING THE STONEWALL GENERAL ELECTION 2017 MANIFESTO

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**LGBT campaign group Stonewall** are asking people to get all General Election candidates to commit to their Six Priorities to ‘achieve true equality’. They are demanding **‘ACCEPTANCE WITHOUT EXCEPTION’**. Take a closer look at what these Six Priorities could really mean for you and your loved ones, for free speech, access to real healthcare, the welfare of children and teenagers, women and men, across the United Kingdom and further afield.

What Stonewall demands	What this really means
‘Protect LGBT rights and improve them’	Allowing men to declare that they’re women and use women-only services and accommodation.
‘Take hate crimes against LGBT people seriously, and give them the punishments they deserve’	Criminalising free speech and critical debate on sexuality and gender identity. Hate crimes may be claimed by ‘gay’ people but not by others.
‘Take a zero tolerance approach to bullying in schools’.	Treating schoolchildren who are troubled by other children identifying as the opposite gender as school bullies.
‘Make the NHS a better service for LGBT people’	Endangering public health by allowing men who have had sex with men to donate blood.
‘Commit to kicking homophobia and transphobia out of sport’	Eroding single-sex sports by capitulating to transgender activism. Wimbledon Ladies’ champion could be a man.
‘Stand up for LGBT people abroad’	Pushing the UK government to redefine marriage around the world - depriving children in other countries of a mother or father. Threatening to withhold aid from countries that do not comply.

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## DISCRIMINATION AGAINST LGBT PEOPLE TODAY

Stonewall claims that 'Discrimination remains an everyday reality for many LGBT people at home, at work and in their communities.' Yet a 2011 study based on a household probability sample in the UK found that only 4.9% of people of non-heterosexual orientation reported having experienced discrimination based on sexual orientation status in the past year.<sup>1</sup>

Stonewall claims that 'More than half of lesbian, gay, bi and trans young people are bullied at school.' Yet an OFSTED study found only 8 out of 1,357 pupils bullied.<sup>2</sup>

## ASK YOUR CANDIDATES: WILL YOU

- > Campaign to stop laws that will allow men to access the private space of women, and to participate in all-women sports?
- > Challenge the inequality of 'hate crimes'?
- > Tell the public that Stonewall have greatly exaggerated the amount of bullying in schools and discrimination in society?
- > Take a stand against our children being given confusing messages about sexuality in the school curriculum?
- > Work to prevent sexual ideology being used as a cloak for smuggling in programme of sexual 'liberation' whose consequences will lead to sexual confusion in our society?
- > Challenge Stonewall's attempts to persuade the Government to impose LGBT ideology on overseas countries alongside legitimate concerns for human rights?

## TAKE ACTION TODAY AND HOLD STONEWALL TO ACCOUNT

**Find out who your local candidates are.** Ask them to publicly support our priorities for truth on LGBT matters – and tell us when they do.

**Register to vote,** and encourage others to do the same and have their say.

**Talk to your friends,** family and colleagues about why honesty about sexual matters is important to you and should be at the heart of this election campaign.

<sup>1</sup>Chakraborty A, King M et al. Mental health of the non-heterosexual population of England. Br J Psychiatry 2011; 198:146

<sup>2</sup><https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-strategies-for-preventing-and-tackling-bullying> (p.29)

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**What Stonewall wants is not what Britain needs  
Stand up to Stonewall in the General Elections 2017**



# PRIORITY NO. 1: 'PROTECT LGBT RIGHTS AND IMPROVE THEM'

## What this really means

Allowing men to declare that they're women and use women-only services and accommodation.

Stonewall want to amend the Equality Act 2010<sup>3</sup> to include 'gender identity' instead of 'gender reassignment' as a protected characteristic for transgender people. They want this because they want to expand the number of people covered to include men who declare that they are really women and vice versa without having undergone medical gender reassignment. Allowing people to be treated legally as members of the opposite sex without having undergone hormonal and surgical treatment.

## What this really means

Allowing men to enter single-sex spaces, facilities and accommodation reserved for women and girls. Women and girls would have no legal right to object; any objections would be punishable as 'hate speech'.

Stonewall want politicians to 'review the need for gender markers in official documents'. They want a category 'X' for 'non-binary' people to use.<sup>4</sup>

## What this really means

This would ultimately lead to the removal of 'male' and 'female' from official forms and statistics as these terms are deemed offensive to transgender people.

- This would mess up official statistics and

<sup>3</sup>[\[www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/section/7\]](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/section/7) <as at 25.05.2017>

<sup>4</sup>['Stonewall calls for 'gender X' option on passports'. BBC News, 5 April 2017 <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-39489678>] <as at 25.05.2017>

cause a lot of essential information needed by government departments and public bodies to no longer be collected.

- This would erase 'mother' and 'father' from official forms, removing vital information about children's family heritage. It would encourage the small minority of parents who are bringing up their children as 'gender neutral' not to record them as male or female on official forms, thus hiding their children's true identities.
- Detecting criminals and reporting accurately on crime would become more difficult. Most criminals are male but providing a third 'non-binary category' would provide an opportunity for male criminals to hide their true identities. Already because of press code restrictions on journalists, the press often reports on male-to-female transgender people convicted for criminal offences, including sexual offences against women and girls, as 'women'. This is because they are required to refer to transgender people by their preferred gender. Stonewall is listed as an organisation offering guidance on press reporting on transgender issues by the Independent Press Standards Organisation (IPSO).<sup>5</sup> Not only that but in November 2016 the Ministry of Justice for England and Wales published a report outlining its new policy stating that transgender offenders would be

able to choose to go to the prison of their chosen gender. This means that male-to-female transgender offenders can choose to go to women's prisons now, unless they are sex offenders. However men who have committed very dangerous offences such as murder, attempted murder, arson and suchlike have still been sent to women's prisons.<sup>6</sup>

The problem is that the UK government under David Cameron promised to keep the issue of including 'gender identity' in the Equality Act 2010 under consideration, in response to the demands the Women and Equalities Committee in Parliament made in the Transgender Equality Inquiry in 2016.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>5</sup><http://www.ipso.co.uk/press-standards/guidance-for-journalists-and-editors/transgender-guidance/> <as at 25.05.2017>

<sup>6</sup>[The Care and Management of Transgender Offenders. Ministry of Justice, 9 November 2016 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-and-management-of-transgender-offenders>] <as at 25.05.2017>

<sup>7</sup>[Government Response to the Women and Equalities Committee Report on Transgender Equality, 2016, p.11. <https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/women-and-equalities-committee/news-parliament-2015/transgender-equality-government-response-published-16-17/> <as at 25.05.2017>



# PRIORITY NO. 2: 'TAKE HATE CRIMES AGAINST LGBT PEOPLE SERIOUSLY, AND GIVE THEM THE PUNISHMENTS THEY DESERVE'

## What this really means

Criminalising free speech and critical debate on sexuality and gender identity. Hate crimes may be claimed by 'gay' people but not by others.

- Many people have already been penalised in law for holding a dissenting view on same-sex marriage and parenting, both in the UK and in other countries.<sup>8</sup> Ashers Bakery in Northern Ireland recently heard that their appeal will be heard by the Supreme Court later this year. Their case should never have had to go this far.<sup>9</sup>
- The call to 'take hate crime seriously' risks making it hate speech to tell a man that he isn't a woman or to say that men can't become women, boys can't become girls, and vice versa.
- There are an increasing number of court cases for 'transphobic hate speech' where defendants have been accused by transgender people of 'misgendering' them, which is transgender subculture jargon for referring to them using the grammatical pronouns of their actual sex. In a case earlier this year in England, a man was convicted for referring to a male-to-female transgender person as a man despite the fact that he

<sup>8</sup>[Coalition for Marriage, Punished for Believing in Traditional Marriage: 30 Cases. <http://c4m.org.uk/downloads/30cases.pdf>] <as at 25.05.2017>

<sup>9</sup>[<http://www.irishnews.com/news/northernirelandnews/2017/05/10/news/supreme-court-to-consider-judgment-in-ashers-gay-marriage-cake-case-1022174/>] <as at 25.05.2017>

could not actually see clear physical evidence that the person was undergoing gender reassignment. Not only that but the report of alleged hate speech made against the defendant in court did not match the transcript of a recording of the alleged incidents or eyewitness accounts. His conviction was later overturned on appeal. The accusation was false in the first place yet the current Crown Prosecution Service policy on 'transphobic hate crime' leaves the definition of such crime up to the person who feels victimised.<sup>10</sup>

- If Stonewall have their way and the government amends the Equality Act 2010 to include 'gender identity', more cases like this could be brought before the courts. People will become too frightened to refer to people they see but don't know very well as men or women, for fear of committing a 'transphobic hate crime'. This would have a serious effect on social manner and relationships.
- Stonewall wants politicians to 'address discrimination' faced by LGBT people including when this is also based on other characteristics such as gender, ethnicity, faith, disability or age. What needs to be understood here is that claiming discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation or transgender status as well as religion is really code for taking religious people, especially Christians, to court for upholding orthodox Biblical and theological

teaching on the nature of marriage, the creation of human beings as two sexes, the Biblical prohibitions on sexual activity between two people of the same sex, cross-dressing and bodily self-mutilation. LGBT activists are likely to try to side with unorthodox Christians who accept these things and hold them up as 'good' Christians while taking genuinely orthodox Christians to court for discrimination. Decent, reasonable people will be dragged through the courts and lose their jobs and livelihood if Stonewall's proposals become law.

<sup>10</sup>[Coalition for Marriage, Punished for Believing in Traditional Marriage: 30 Cases. <http://c4m.org.uk/downloads/30cases.pdf>] <as at 25.05.2017>



# PRIORITY NO. 3: TAKE A ZERO TOLERANCE APPROACH TO BULLYING IN SCHOOLS

## What this really means

Treating schoolchildren who are troubled by other children identifying as the opposite gender as school bullies.

‘Intensify activities to tackle bullying of LGBT young people in all schools by ensuring that all teachers receive initial and ongoing training in this area.’

- Teacher training at all levels would require teachers to toe the ideological line on what ‘bullying’ means. Teachers’ right to challenge and criticise anything to do with transgender identification or homosexuality with regards to negative effects on young people would be seriously minimised. This would have a knock-on effect on how freely teachers could interact with children who are themselves unsure or unhappy about these things.
- Children who express discomfort over opposite sex peers being allowed to share dormitories, toilets and changing rooms with them on the grounds of identifying as transgender will be branded bullies, trouble-makers and even ‘haters’. Yet this recent poll by ComRes shows that most adults in Britain do not want children to be allowed to use opposite-sex toilets in schools<sup>11</sup> In fact this problem already exists in the Crown Prosecution Services Schools Project, an educational resource pack containing lesson plans on LGBT hate crime for children aged 11-16. Stonewall is listed on the front page as one of the supporters, as are the Ministry of Justice and Gendered Intelligence, a transgender campaign group, and the National Union of

<sup>11</sup><http://www.comresglobal.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Christian-Institute-General-Election-2017-Poll-Data-Tables.pdf> <as at 25.05.2017>

Teachers.<sup>12</sup>

Stonewall want candidates to promise to 'develop practical statutory guidance on supporting trans young people at school'.

- The risk here is that schools will be forced to go along with a teenager's self-identification as transgender regardless of serious concerns about both mental and physical health risks. Already a school in England is being sued by a young transgender activists for refusing to treat that person as a member of the opposite gender.<sup>13</sup>

Stonewall want Relationships and Sex Education to be LGBT inclusive

- What this really means is normalising transgender identification and homosexuality, despite the massive health risks involved.
- How do you teach sex education that is LGBT inclusive when 'transgender inclusive' fundamentally involves rejection of belonging to your own sex (or gender understood as sex)?
- How can you teach about the biological distinction between male and female and also validate the claim made by some male-to-female transgender activists that they 'became women through a different route' than women? Such falsehood would cause terrible confusion in the minds and hearts of many school children, especially those who are sexually abused at home or by their peers.
- Risk of MS rises more than six times for male-to-

female transgender people taking hormones

- Did you know that hormone treatment for boys and men identifying as women increases the risk of Multiple Sclerosis by more than six times? This evidence comes from an analysis of English Episode Hospital Statistics between 1999 (when gender reassignment treatment became available to everyone on the NHS) and 2012. Why are transgender activists in the UK not talking about this study? Could this be part of the reason why they want an end to medical gender reassignment as the legal criterion for a man being recognised as a woman?<sup>14</sup>
- Long-term use of testosterone by female-to-male transgender people may elevate risk for cardiovascular events. This is from a study presented in April this year at the annual meeting of the Endocrine Society in Orlando, Florida. The Endocrine Society is the largest society of endocrinologists in the world.<sup>15</sup>
- The influence that LGBT lobby group like Stonewall have over the British media is enormous. Parents are beginning to express their concern about transgender ideology being pushed by all sectors of the press, suspicious of the fact that a massive increase in positive 'human interest' stories about 'trans kids' has coincided with the dramatic rise in referrals to Britain's only Gender Identity Clinic for Children and Adolescents, the Tavistock and Portman Clinic in London.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>12</sup>[Crown Prosecution Service Schools Project. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender hate crime. [http://www.cps.gov.uk/publications/docs/cps\\_lgbt\\_teacher\\_pack.pdf](http://www.cps.gov.uk/publications/docs/cps_lgbt_teacher_pack.pdf)] <as at 25.05.2017>

<sup>13</sup>[<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hereford-worcester-38827731>] <as at 25.05.2017>

<sup>14</sup>[J. Pakpoor et al., 'Gender identity disorders and multiple sclerosis risk: A national record-linkage study'. Multiple Sclerosis Journal. February 8 2016 [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/293637203\\_Gender\\_identity\\_disorders\\_and\\_multiple\\_sclerosis\\_risk\\_A\\_national\\_record-linkage\\_study](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/293637203_Gender_identity_disorders_and_multiple_sclerosis_risk_A_national_record-linkage_study)] <as at 25.05.2017>

<sup>15</sup>[Cunha FS, Costa EMF, Bachega T, et al. Effect of long-term androgen treatment of large arteries of transgender men. Abstract 125. Presented at: ENDO 2017: the 99th Annual Meeting & Expo. April 1-4 2017; Orlando, Florida. <http://www.endocrinologyadvisor.com/endo-2017/androgen-therapy-increases-cardiovascular-risk-in-transgender-men/article/647290/>] <as at 25.05.2017>

<sup>16</sup>[Transgender Trend, 'Is it surprising that referrals of children to the Tavistock Clinic continue to soar?'. 2 May 2017. <https://www.transgendertrend.com/surprising-referrals-children-tavistock-clinic-continue-soar/>] <as at 25.05.2017>



# PRIORITY NO. 4 'MAKE THE NHS A BETTER SERVICE FOR LGBT PEOPLE'

## What this really means

Endangering public health by allowing men who have had sex with men to donate blood.

## Most people support the right to therapy for unwanted same-sex attraction

Despite aggressive and hostile campaigning by LGB groups, some people still seek out therapy for unwanted same-sex attraction, sometimes on the NHS. A poll conducted by ComRes for CIT in 2014 found that most people in the UK support a married man's right to seek out therapy for unwanted same-sex attraction.<sup>17</sup>

## The real reason for long waiting lists at Gender Clinics

Transgender activists frequently complain of the long waiting lists for appointments

at Gender Identity Clinics and for gender reassignment surgery. The real reason they are not telling you is that waiting lists have gone up due to people who regret gender reassignment booking in again. See this FoI Request response from West London Mental Health Trust in 2010 admitting that there is

'a large number of patients coming through the clinic who have reverted to their original gender role, with considerable regret over having undergone gender reassignment surgery...The continuing care of these patients drives up... waiting times for new patients, of course.'<sup>18</sup>

In reality there is a serious shortage of doctors working in gender reassignment in the UK. This should be no surprise, as it goes against the principles of medicine, which is to heal a sick body, not to mutilate the body to align it with a person's idea of themselves.<sup>19</sup>

## Blood donation by men who have sex with men

Stonewall want an end to discrimination on men who have sex with men in blood donation.

<sup>17</sup><http://www.comresglobal.com/polls/core-issues-trust-therapy-poll/> <as at 25.05.2017>

<sup>18</sup><https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/a-dishonest-foi-response-from-th> <as at 25.05.2017>

<sup>19</sup>Kezia Parkins, Meet the gender reassignment surgeons: 'Demand is going through the roof', 10 July 2016. <http://www.theguardian.com/society/2016/jul/10/meet-the-gender-reassignment-surgeons-demand-is-going-through-the-roof> <as at 25.05.2017>

They want donations to be screened 'according to individual risk' instead. In fact Stonewall have already been pushing for this at the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Blood Donation.<sup>20</sup>

- The UK government had announced on 14 June 2016 that it would review the ban against blood donation from men who have sex with men, which allows donation only 12 months after they last had sex. This ban was brought in in 2011 in place of a previous lifetime ban imposed in the 1980s due to concerns about the spread of HIV/AIDS. The idea of reducing the deferral period for blood donation for men who have sex with men from 12 months to three months is supposed by a group from the Advisory Committee on the Safety of Blood, Tissues and Organs. The chair of the working group Dr. Chas Newstead, who is a Transplant physician, told the Independent that there was 'a minor concern that any new blood infection, similar to the Zika and Ebola pandemics, could manifest itself in the gay community first, and take the blood service by surprise.'
- It is very important to remind all Parliamentary candidates and also the next government that **the Department of Health recently defended the present 12-month ban.**<sup>21</sup> Recently it emerged that victims of the scandal of HIV- and Hepatitis C-tainted blood from the USA being given to haemophiliacs on the NHS in the 1970s and 1980s could sue

the UK government. Many of the blood donors were American prisoners and prostitutes who had HIV. **The government should be forced to address this scandal first before it risks creating another one.**<sup>22</sup>

<sup>20</sup>[\[http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/gay-blood-donation-rules-relax-change-policy-a7721931.html\]](http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/gay-blood-donation-rules-relax-change-policy-a7721931.html) <as at 25.05.2017>

<sup>21</sup>['Government set to make it easier for gay men to give blood'. 6 May 2017. <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/health/gay-blood-donation-sex-aids-three-months-year-a7721606.html>] <as at 25.05.2017>

<sup>22</sup>[\[http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4489910/NHS-tainted-blood-scandal-hushed-health-chiefs.html\]](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4489910/NHS-tainted-blood-scandal-hushed-health-chiefs.html)  
[BBC Panorama, 'Contaminated Blood: The Search for Truth', Wednesday 10 May 2017] <as at 25.05.2017>



# PRIORITY NO. 5 'COMMIT TO KICKING HOMOPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA OUT OF SPORT'

## What this really means

Eroding single-sex sports by capitulating to transgender activism. Wimbledon Ladies' champion could be a man.

- Allowing boys and men who say they are girls and women to compete in girls and women's sports. This is already having an effect in the USA.
- Where will all this end? How long will it be before girls and women can never win in sports competitions because men who say they are women choose to compete against them and win? This will end up shutting down female sports and affecting the health of women and girls. Nobody should be complacent about this.
- In March 2017, amateur male-to-female transgender athlete Lauren Jeska was jailed

for 18 years for attempting to murder a man working for UK Athletics in March 2016. Jeska had not provided samples of testosterone levels and relevant documentation despite being required to do so, due to complaints made to UK Athletics of having an unfair advantage in competing in women's events. The court was also told that Jeska had admitted to a psychiatrist of fantasising 'about going to the Alexander stadium and killing all of the staff'. Lauren Jeska was sent to a women's prison because the Ministry of Justice published a new policy in November 2016 allowing male-to-female transgender offenders to be sent to women's prisons (unless they are sex offenders). This is despite the fact that the judge ruled that Jeska posed a significant risk to the public.<sup>23</sup>

<sup>23</sup>[\[https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/mar/14/champion-runner-lauren-jeska-jailed-for-attempted-of-uk-athletics-official-ralph-knibbs\]](https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/mar/14/champion-runner-lauren-jeska-jailed-for-attempted-of-uk-athletics-official-ralph-knibbs) <as at 25.05.2017>



# PRIORITY NO. 6 ‘STAND UP FOR LGBT PEOPLE ABROAD’

## What this really means

Pushing the UK government to redefine marriage around the world - depriving children in other countries of a mother or father. Threatening to withhold aid from countries that do not comply.

Stonewall wants the next UK government to put LGBT rights ‘at the heart’ of its agenda in international affairs ‘through diplomacy, trade deals and ensuring organisations receiving UK aid don’t leave LGBT people behind.’

- Stonewall is talking as if the UK government isn’t already crusading for LGBT rights around the world. In reality the UK government said in 2016 that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office would dedicate £900,000 of the Magna Carta Fund for Human Rights and Democracy to projects working with LGBT communities around the world. The UK government has said that it is ‘proud to be a member of the “core group” working

to further LGB&T rights at the UN’.<sup>24</sup>

- Earlier this month Lyle Shelton, the director of the Australian Christian Lobby, in an interview with the BBC, said that Australia should be allowed to decide whether to introduce same-sex marriage. This was in response to a story run by the BBC on 27 April this year saying that gay couples have been married under British law since 2014 in Australia with the help of the British High Commission. The question is whether the UK was subtly pushing same-sex marriage in Australia by doing so. As Australia is a country entirely independent of the UK and has been so since 1901 it is deeply ironic that the UK, which decided to pull out of the European Union in order to reassert its own sovereignty, should give such an impression.<sup>25</sup> Lyle Shelton went on to say that Australians were aware of the loss of rights and freedoms that has occurred for many of those who uphold traditional marriage since same same-sex marriage became legal in the UK.<sup>26</sup>

<sup>24</sup>[Government Response to the Transgender Equality Inquiry. [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/535764/Government\\_Response\\_to\\_the\\_Women\\_and\\_Equalities\\_Committee\\_Report\\_on\\_Transgender\\_Equality.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/535764/Government_Response_to_the_Women_and_Equalities_Committee_Report_on_Transgender_Equality.pdf)] <as at 25.05.2017>

<sup>25</sup>[BBC Australia, British High Commission helps gay couples marry in Australia. 27 April 2017. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/world-australia-39724025/uk-helps-gay-couples-marry-in-australia>] <as at 25.05.2017>

<sup>26</sup>[UK accused of pushing same-sex marriage on Australia. 1 May 2-17. <http://www.christian.org.uk/news/uk-accused-pushing-sex-marriage-australia>] <as at 25.05.2017>

Given this unenviable reputation for restricting rights and freedoms, do we really want the UK government to be spreading LGBT 'rights' around the world in what can only amount to a new form of sexual colonialism and imperialism?

**Stonewall's 'Six Priorities' are a serious problem for the rights and freedoms and general welfare of people living in the UK. Ask candidates to scrutinise them thoroughly. Don't let them get away with blind acceptance of LGBT ideology.**



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# GENERAL ELECTION 2017 ACTION POINTS: WHAT TO DO

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## **The Equality Act 2010**

Ask candidates whether they realise that their party has pledged to amend the Equality Act 2010 to make “gender identity” the protected characteristic for transgender people. Ask candidates whether or not they realise that this means allowing men to declare that they are women without ever having to undergo medical gender reassignment.

Candidates must be confronted with the fact that this is a change in the law that would have very serious consequences for society and endanger women and children.

## **“Male” and “Female” on official forms**

Remind candidates that government and public bodies require information about people’s sex in order to be able to do carry out their duties to the best of their abilities. If they support Stonewall’s proposal to rethink having “male” and “female” on official forms, tell them that the quality of data will suffer, as vital information will be lost.

## **Crime and prisons**

Tell candidates that searching for criminals will become more difficult as a result.

## **“Hate Speech” vs Free Speech**

Let candidates know that you will not tolerate a situation where people will be branded as “haters”, “prejudiced” and “bigoted” for addressing men as men and women as women.

Tell candidates that you will not put up with a situation where people risk being taken to court and losing their job and livelihood for expressing a dissenting opinion on transgender issues.

## **Bullying: who’s guilty?**

Ask candidates whether they realise that children can often feel deeply uncomfortable and be traumatised by exposure to transgender issues.

Let candidates know that you are concerned that children should not face transgender propaganda in school.

## **Detransitioning on the NHS**

Ask candidates whether they are aware that there are people who detransition from living as transgender people.

Get them to make a commitment to getting the NHS across the UK to provide more advice and support for detransitioners.

Get them to make a commitment to campaign for NHS funding of therapy as well as hormonal and surgical treatment for detransitioners.

# GENERAL ELECTION 2017 ACTION POINTS: WHAT TO DO

## Keep the 12-month Blood Donation Ban

Remind candidates that the Department of Health supports keeping the 12-month Blood Donation Ban for men who have sex with men. Tell candidates that Public Health considerations must come first.

## Single-sex Sports

Get candidates to commit to defending single-sex sports.

Ask candidates whether they realise that the campaign to “kick out transphobia from sport” is in the long run very damaging to sport, and that it will end up discouraging girls and women from taking up sport at all.

Tell candidates that this is a matter of fairness for all as well as a Public Health concern.

## Free Speech

Let candidates know that people from abroad perceive Britain as a country where free speech is being eroded because of the demands of LGBT activists and their massive influence over politicians and government.

Get candidates to secure a commitment to freedom of speech and ask them how they propose to defend and uphold it.

**Watch the [accompanying video](#) on the “Equal, not Identical” campaign and commentary on the Core Issues Trust “Challenging the Stonewall Manifesto”**



