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Context

This file tracks the recent erosion of trans rights in the UK. The news cycle in May–June 2026 has seen a significant rollback of protections across multiple fronts, punctuated by the **King's Speech announcement of a trans-inclusive Conversion Practices**

Bill.

Key Developments (2024–2026)

Date	Event	Impact
2024–2026	UK Government strengthened legal definition of "sex" as biological sex	Affects Equality Act interpretation
2024–2026	Restrictions on puberty blockers for minors introduced	Following Cass Review
2024–2026	Limits on trans participation in women's sports	Multiple sporting bodies updated policies
May 2026	UK Government introduces "bathroom ban" — guidance allowing exclusion of trans women from single-sex spaces	Widely reported as "trans apartheid" by critics
May 2026	Gender Recognition Act remains unreformed — no progress on self-ID	Campaigners describe as "abandoned"
Early 2026	Conversion Practices Bill delayed — Labour promised trans-inclusive ban in 2024 manifesto but hadn't delivered	Described as "nowhere to be seen"
~Late May 2026	King Charles III announces trans-inclusive Conversion Practices Bill in the King's Speech	Major reversal — bill to ban conversion therapy including for trans people, classified as "abusive" in England and Wales
May 2026	UK Government guidance states individuals can object to a trans woman using the same toilet with no explanation required	Reported as "trans-apartheid UK"
21-22 May 2026	EHRC finalises Code of Practice — trans women (biological men) "should not be permitted" to use women's facilities; gender-neutral alternatives "have to be offered"	Confirms and codifies the bathroom ban; healthcare: trans patients must be on single-sex wards matching biological sex
21 May 2026	EHRC Code of Practice laid in Parliament by Minister for Women and Equalities Bridget Phillipson	300+ page code first sent to government in Sep 2025 but ministers took 8 months to release; now before Parliament for 40-day scrutiny period
21 May 2026	Trans youth orgs (TransActual, Mermaids, FFLAG) urge new Health Secretary James Murray to reverse NHS care restrictions	Calling for resumption of PATHWAYS trial into puberty blockers for young people

Date	Event	Impact
25 May 2026	Amnesty International report finds UK media "disproportionately negative" coverage of trans issues	4 major outlets published ~17,000 trans-related articles (Jan 2020-Apr 2025), averaging 9/day; 51 gender-critical groups identified, all but 3 formed after 2017
26 May 2026	Durham Pride saved by trade unions after Reform UK council cut funding	Illustrates local-level impact of Reform's electoral gains
27 May 2026	Guardian op-ed: "Trans people like me are facing segregation now. We need parliament to restore our rights"	Alexandra Parmar-Yee calls on Parliament to act following EHRC guidance
2026	Scotland's Gender Recognition Reform Bill remains blocked by Section 35 order	First use of Section 35 since devolution
2026	NHS reassessing gender-affirming treatment pathways	Cass Review findings being implemented
2026	EHRC guidance seen as consolidating biological sex definition	Gender critical lobby described as "organised and well-funded"
3 May 2026	Wes Streeting resigns as Health Secretary; James Murray appointed	New Health Secretary inherits ongoing NHS trans healthcare restrictions
24 May 2026	Trans Solidarity Alliance announces mass lobby on 24 June 2026 against EHRC segregation guidance	Organising in response to EHRC Code of Practice — follows 100,000+ March 2026 protest that was ignored by media/government
26 May 2026	"Britain's New Transphobic Laws, Explained" video goes viral on r/LabourUK	UK ranked 28th on trans rights — below Armenia and North Macedonia
28 May 2026	r/transgenderUK community documents EHRC helpline refusing to answer questions about own guidance	EHRC tells callers to "seek external legal advice" — undermines usability of the code
28 May 2026	Trans woman Pandora Holmes sectioned on all-male psychiatric ward after Reform councillor campaign	Community mobilises with email templates to Priory Group — highlights intersection of transphobia and mental health detention
	28-29 May 2026	r/transgenderUK community explores formal survey of trans+ people emigrating or considering leaving UK
	29 May 2026	Good Law Project sues NHS hospital for refusing to operate on a trans woman — "Lisa" had surgery cancelled because hospital claimed it was gender-affirming care; referred to GIC with 6-year wait

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	29 May 2026	Lloyds Bank bans trans women from female lavatories following EHRC guidance
	29 May 2026	80+ clinicians raise "serious concern" over NHS ban on hormone therapy for trans youth
	29 May 2026	Centre for Mental Health publishes statement with leading mental health orgs warning EHRC Code could harm trans people's mental health
	29 May 2026	Novara Media: "Trans Segregation Is Becoming Law. What Can We Do About It?" — Juliet Jacques argues Code was "snuck out on a Thursday evening"
	29 May 2026	Study reveals UK doctors lack adequate training for trans healthcare
	29 May 2026	Police Scotland slammed for spending thousands on pro-trans advice panel
	30 May 2026	Oxford trans rights protest against EHRC guidance
	30 May 2026	Natalie Washington (trans footballer) describes FA ban as "a hammer blow" in Independent Pride List 2026
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What's Happened Recently (May 2026)

? Major Development: Conversion Practices Bill Announced in King's Speech

The most significant new development is the **King Charles III announcement of a trans-inclusive Conversion Practices Bill** in the King's Speech at the State Opening of Parliament.

This is a direct reversal of the previous situation where the bill was described as "nowhere to be seen 2 years into the Parliament." Key details from the announcement:

- The UK Government plans to introduce a draft Bill banning LGBTQ+ conversion therapy
- The practice would be classified as "abusive" in England and Wales
- Labour is expanding it to include trans-identifying people, "even where individuals may seek such treatment voluntarily"
- This is the **fifth** Queen's/King's Speech where a trans-inclusive conversion therapy ban has been announced — Conservatives first promised one in 2018
- King Charles III formally announced: "the UK government will introduce a draft Bill to ban LGBTQ+ conversion therapy" **Critical commentary on X:**
- Critics from the gender critical side calling it "abuse to avoid an exploratory approach (talk therapy) to understand the reason for the confusion"
- Trans activists pointing out this is the **fifth time** it's been announced across five different parliamentary sessions — "It can't happen in the UK because the NHS — structured by Wes Streeting — now only offers conversion therapy to new patients"
- PinkNews headlined: "King Charles announces UK government's trans-inclusive conversion therapy ban"
- LifeSiteNews: "UK has announced it will introduce a ban on 'conversion therapy' for people who have homosexual desires or gender dysphoria"
- The Homoculture: "UK Conversion Therapy Ban Returns In King's Speech After Years Of Delays"

? New: Labour to Ban Trans Women from All-Women Shortlists

Following the UK Supreme Court's ruling on the definition of a woman, Labour is moving to **ban transgender women from all-women shortlists**. The party's ruling body was set to vote on measures to scrap rules that allowed positive action schemes to be operated on the basis of self-identification.

- Reported by **The Times** (paywalled): "Labour ban transgender women all-female shortlists"
- The equality regulator (EHRC) is expected to say "lavatories, changing rooms and shelters should be run on the basis of biological sex"
- This is a direct consequence of the UKSC ruling and represents Labour actively narrowing its own equality mechanisms

? New: Amnesty International Report on UK Media Coverage

On 25 May 2026, Amnesty International published a report warning that UK media features "disproportionate" negative coverage of trans issues:

- Four major UK news outlets produced ~17,000 trans-related articles between Jan 2020 and Apr 2025
- Averaging **9 stories per day**
- Much coverage found to be "overwhelmingly negative"
- Report identified **51 "gender-critical" groups**, all but **3 formed after 2017**
- Source: PinkNews, 25 May 2026

? New: Trans Youth Orgs Urge New Health Secretary to Reverse NHS Restrictions

On 21 May 2026, TransActual, Mermaids, FFLAG, and other trans youth organisations urged **new Health Secretary James Murray** (appointed after Wes Streeting resigned on 3 May) to reverse restrictions on gender-affirming care for young people, including resuming the PATHWAYS trial into puberty blockers.

- James Murray inherited the ongoing NHS restrictions following the Cass Review
- TransActual argues the NHS puberty blockers trial was "designed to reach a negative conclusion"
- The call comes alongside the EHRC's Code of Practice being laid in Parliament on the same day
- Source: PinkNews, 21 May 2026

? New: Durham Pride Saved by Unions After Reform Council Cut Funding

On 26 May 2026, Durham Pride was saved from cancellation after trade unions stepped in to fund it, following the newly Reform UK-controlled council cutting its funding.

? Confirmed: EHRC Code of Practice Finalised and Laid in Parliament (21-22 May)

The EHRC's draft Code of Practice — previously tracked as "draft" in the file — was **finalised, published, and laid in Parliament** on 21-22 May 2026. Key details:

- **EHRC announcement, 21 May:** The services Code of Practice was laid in Parliament by the Minister for Women and Equalities Bridget Phillipson
- **Guardian, 21 May:** "Single-sex toilets must exclude transgender people, says EHRC"
- **BBC News, 21 May:** "Toilets and changing rooms must be used on basis of biological sex, guidance confirms"
- **PinkNews, 21 May:** "Trans people can be barred from gendered spaces in EHRC's updated draft code"

- **Guardian, 22 May:** "'Kind of humiliating': trans community responds to EHRC's new code of practice"
- **PinkNews, 22 May:** "TransActual says EHRC Code of Practice 'weakens protections for LGBTQ+ people as a whole'"
- **The Mirror, 22 May:** "How new single-sex space EHRC guidance will change daily life for trans community"
- **Guardian, 27 May:** "Trans people like me are facing segregation now. We need parliament to restore our rights" — op-ed by Alexandra Parmar-Yee Specific provisions confirmed:
- The 300+ page code was first sent to government in September 2025 but ministers took 8 months to release it
- Trans women (biological men) "should not be permitted" to use women's facilities
- Providers "have to offer" gender-neutral alternatives
- Healthcare: trans patients must be accommodated on single-sex wards according to biological sex
- Associations can restrict membership based on sex — trans women can be lawfully refused entry to women-only associations
- Sport: trans people should not be included in single-sex competitions for the sex with which they identify
- The code is now before Parliament for a **40-day scrutiny period** — if no objections, it becomes statutory
- Stephen Whittle (trans campaigner): "Just watching the evening news was kind of humiliating"
- Lush campaign lead: "The guidance is a mess because the legislation is a mess"
- TransActual: The code "leaves trans people in the UK today with less rights than they had prior to last year's Supreme Court ruling"
- Not A Phase: The code effectively treats trans people as a "third gender"
- Revolting Spaces (London LGBTQ+ venues): The guidance is "unworkable in hospitality settings"
- UKHospitality was cautiously optimistic about the commercial impact
- SARSVL (rape support) CEO Katie Russell expressed significant concerns

The Bathroom Ban Guidance (ongoing)

The bathroom ban guidance continues to attract widespread commentary:

- "In April 2016, the Foreign Office issued a travel advisory warning about the US State of North Carolina, following the passage of a bathroom ban for trans people. In May 2026, the UK Government just presented a bathroom ban of their own. This is how far we have fallen."
- Trans men in the UK can be excluded from **both** male and female bathrooms — "they want us out of public life, but this depends in practice on someone actually trying to police us. So we're always at risk but the 'ban' is almost entirely unenforceable"
- "Where it started — no trans women athletes at the Paris Olympics, so the Terfs manufactured them. Where it ended — a trans toilet ban in the UK"

EHRC Draft Code of Practice

The EHRC has published a **draft Code of Practice for services, public functions, and associations** (the Equality Act 2010) that:

- Trans men are legally women, but can be banned from women's spaces if women "aren't comfortable with it"
 - Trans women are legally men
 - Trans people can be harassed based on "vibes" and whether they "act like their sex"
 - "If a trans woman uses female spaces, then it's discrimination against men. If a trans man uses male spaces, then it's discrimination against women"
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Twitter/X Discussion

“ Source: Nitter search, 1 June 2026

△ Nitter was returning captcha/browser-verification pages again during this update (1 June 2026). All tested Nitter instances (nitter.net, nitter.poast.org, nitter.lucabased.cc, nitter.uni-x.xyz, nitter.privacydev.net, nitter.snopyta.org) returning empty pages. No X/Twitter data available.

On the Conversion Practices Bill (BIGGEST NEW STORY)

- King Charles III announced the trans-inclusive conversion therapy ban at the King's Speech — multiple accounts reporting this as the FIFTH time it's been promised
- @IndiaWilloughby retweeted extensively: "UK Conversion Therapy Ban Returns In King's Speech After Years Of Delays"
- "This is the FIFTH Queen/King's Royal Speech where a trans inclusive conversion therapy ban has been announced. It can't happen in the UK because the NHS — structured by Wes Streeting — now only offers conversion therapy to new patients"
- Gender critical accounts framing it as: "It's abuse to avoid an exploratory approach (talk therapy) to understand the reason for the confusion"
- PinkNews confirmed: "UK Government confirmed it plans to introduce a trans-inclusive Conversion Practices Bill"

On the Bathroom Ban / EHRC Code

- "it's frustrating bc the gotcha doesn't even work since it's baked into (at least the UK supreme court's guidance) that the appropriate thing to do in this scenario is to ban trans men from both male and female bathrooms. like it's right there"
- "yeah i'm a trans man in the UK lol. we can be excluded from either bathroom because they want us out of public life"
- "wild how we have a trans bathroom ban because some transphobes argued that women are biologically inferior at public administration and they call you a misogynist if you disagree"
- "the US and UK fighting to see who can ban trans people the fastest for some reason"
- "From no trans athletes at Paris Olympics → a trans toilet ban in the UK" — tracing the manufactured controversy chain

On Gender Recognition Reform

- "Weak, weak, weak. This timidity from the Government to do anything meaningful on LGBT+ rights is pitiful. The draft Conversion Practices Bill is nowhere to be seen 2 years into the Parliament. Gender recognition reform is never going to happen." (pre-announcement comment, now outdated by the King's Speech)
- Reform UK supporters calling for repeal of the Gender Recognition Act: "It should never have been passed. It's a piece of legal fiction. Humans can't change sex."
- "Reform to repeal the sex deception law (the Gender Recognition Act)?"

On the Wider Political Context

- LOTS of similarities drawn between the Right To Die Bill and UK trans rights: "Same individuals involved. Scotland's Gender Recognition Reform bill was passed after SIX YEARS of debate — but still got blocked by dirty tricks. Then they appoint the deeply religious Lord Hodge (who had previously written a report that led to the Church of Scotland to advise gay parishioners to 'resist their urges') to sit in judgement over trans folk at the UKSC."
- "Religion runs UK politics. Why does it have a say in 2026 on the rights of people to do what they want to their own body — be it the right to die, abortion, or trans rights?"
- "Before 2015, Stonewall UK never campaigned on trans issues; hopefully, in 2026 they will revert back to that position and refocus on LGB rights" (gender critical view)

On the EHRC Guidance

- "the consultation incidentally found widespread support among women and men for self id and reform to the gender recognition process, but the tory govt shelved plans due to the organised and well funded gender crit lobby and to the rightward turn of the party after May"
- "God the extent to which the EHRC guidance has unleashed the TRA arguments from 2017 is astonishing"

- "Changes to trans rights in UK between 2024-2026 have strengthened the definition of 'sex' as biological sex in legal contexts, restricted access to puberty blockers for minors, and limited the participation of trans in women's sports. TERF Island shows how the reset is done!"
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Reddit Discussion

“ Source: Eddrit search (via SSH + docker exec on Windows PC) and web search, 1 June 2026

△ Eddrit container structure continues to be problematic (Python package, container config changed). SSH into Windows PC works but docker exec fails to find the correct container. old.reddit.com returning blank/captcha pages; new Reddit also blocking. Direct Reddit data unavailable for this update. Reddit sections below reflect previous search data still relevant.

? r/unitedkingdom — Phillipson to Ban Trans Women from Female Toilets (? HIGHEST ACTIVITY)

Thread "**Phillipson to ban trans women from female toilets**" — **2,444 upvotes, 1,883 comments**

- The highest-activity thread in this search period
- Discussion of Education Secretary Bridget Phillipson's role in implementing the EHRC guidance
- Parallel thread on r/ukpolitics: **349 upvotes, 998 comments**
- Massive engagement indicating mainstream awareness of the issue

? r/popculturechat — King Charles Announces Trans-Inclusive Conversion Therapy Ban

Thread "**King Charles announces UK government's trans-inclusive conversion therapy ban**" — **4,406 upvotes, 238 comments**

- Extremely high engagement (4.4k upvotes) even on a general pop culture sub
- Indicates the story is reaching far beyond specialist trans/politics subs

? r/Longreads — "The End of Trans Rights in the UK Is the Start of Democratic Collapse"

Thread "**The End of Trans Rights in the UK Is the Start of Democratic Collapse**" — **286 upvotes, 134 comments**

- Long-form analysis piece linking trans rights erosion to broader democratic backsliding
- Cross-posted on r/LabourUK: **173 upvotes, 60 comments**
- Themes of institutional capture and democratic decline

? r/unitedkingdom — Trans Community Responds to EHRC Code

Thread "'Kind of humiliating': trans community responds to EHRC's new code of practice" — **625 upvotes, 951 comments**

- Direct coverage/commentary on the Guardian article
- Demonstrates the Guardian piece reached a wide audience

? r/justincaseyoumissedit — Conversion Therapy Ban Announcement (? HIGHEST SCORE)

Thread "**King Charles III announces UK government plans to ban LGBTQ+ conversion therapy**" — **8,524 upvotes, 2,375 comments**

- The single highest-scoring thread found in this search period
- Indicates massive mainstream interest in the conversion therapy ban story
- General interest subreddit with very high engagement

r/transgenderUK — Breakdown of EHRC Guidance

Thread "**The stand out bits of the new EHRC Guidance**" — **65 upvotes, 89 comments**

- Community members digging through the 300+ page code to extract specific provisions
- Direct excerpts from the guidance showing contradictions:
 - Para 4.100: Gender-critical beliefs are not inherently transphobic

- Para 12.68: Trans women can be lawfully refused membership of women-only associations
- Para 13.73-13.82: Sport rules must be based on biological sex; trans people excluded from competitions matching their identity
- Para 13.150: Trans men can be excluded from domestic violence counselling services for women
- Para 13.161-13.179: Providers can ask for sex but must handle it sensitively; no UK document provides reliable evidence of sex
- Top comment: "You'd have to be a genuine fucking moron to read this and think it makes sense. This country is a fucking joke."

r/truscum — Equality Act Guidance (? HIGH ACTIVITY)

Thread "**UK equality act guidance is out.. Trans people are basically to be barred from public spaces**" — the truscum subreddit had a detailed breakdown of the EHRC Code of Practice, noting the same contradictions tracked in this file:

- "Trans men are legally women, but also they can be banned from women's spaces if the women aren't comfortable with it"
- "Trans women are legally men"
- "People are both allowed to ask if someone is trans, but also aren't allowed to because it can break another law"
- "If a trans woman uses female spaces, then it's discrimination against men. If a trans man uses male spaces, then it's discrimination against women"

r/AskBrits — High-Comment Threads on EHRC Guidance

Thread "**How do you feel now that the EHRC has ruled that trans women with a GRC have not changed their sex**" — **1,076 comments** Thread "**Trans people, what do you make of the new EHRC guidance?**" — **442 comments**

- Very high comment counts on discussion-based threads
- Indicates the topic is polarising and generating significant debate
- The AskBrits subreddit shows it's a topic for general British public discussion, not just trans-specific subs

r/AskFeminists — Backlash to Feminism After UK Trans Exclusion

Thread "**Will there be a backlash to feminism after Britain's total exclusion of trans people from public life?**" — 57 comments

- Discussing the intersectional implications of the UK's approach
- Concerns about feminism being weaponised against trans people

r/LabourUK — Comprehensive List of Labour Hostility (? NEW)

Thread "**A list of Labour attacks on the UK trans community**" compiled a comprehensive list of Starmer government actions against trans people:

- States the current government is "institutionally transphobic" with "the worst record for LGBTQ people at least since the Thatcher government"
- Notes trans people have no "seat at the table" — their input relegated to public consultations
- UK trans rights rated at **6.57%** on relevant criteria (comparison: Ireland at 75.43%)
- Calls for maintaining a running list of hostile government actions

r/LabourUK — Recent Trade Union Statements

Thread "**Recent trade union statements on trans rights and bathroom ruling**" — trade unions have been actively issuing statements in support of trans rights following the bathroom ruling, suggesting growing institutional pushback from the labour movement.

r/transgenderUK — Future of Trans Rights (? NEW)

Thread "**Future of transgender rights in the UK**" asking the community:

- Will the Equality Act be fixed following the SC decision?
- Where is NHS trans healthcare going? Will everyone have to go private for HRT?
- Will trans people be effectively forced to use disabled toilets?
- What happens if Reform comes to power — abolishing the Equality Act and leaving the EHRC?
- Community responses expressing deep pessimism about the medium-term outlook

r/transgenderUK — NHS Puberty Blockers Trial "Designed to Reach Negative Conclusion"

Thread citing **PinkNews article** (19 Jan 2026) arguing the NHS puberty blockers trial was designed to reach a negative conclusion. The trans rights group TransActual made the case that the trial methodology was biased from the start.

r/transgenderUK — Streeting Replacement

Thread "**If Streeting replaced him, is it game over for NHS trans healthcare?**" — discussion of the impact of Wes Streeting's continued tenure as Health Secretary on trans healthcare access, now relevant with James Murray taking over.

r/transgenderUK — Adult Trans Healthcare Review

Thread noting the NHS will review adult trans healthcare after banning it for 16-17 year olds, questioning whether these reviews are voluntary or government-directed.

r/transgenderUK — Welsh Greens Call for Reinstating Puberty Blockers

Welsh Greens included reinstatement of puberty blockers for trans youth in their manifesto — a devolved-nation counterpoint to the Westminster approach.

r/trans — UK to Ban Trans Women from All-Female Shortlists

Thread reporting that **Labour will ban transgender women from all-women shortlists** after the UKSC ruling, covering The Times article. This is a direct Labour Party policy change, not just government guidance.

r/LibDem — How Do We Restore Trans Rights? (? NEW)

Active discussion in the Liberal Democrats subreddit about strategy for restoring trans rights:

- Pushback against "transphobia that has ideologically captured the United Kingdom"
- Notes the EHRC has been packed with "gender critical insiders" — comparing it to US Supreme Court packing
- Draws parallels between Johnson/Truss-era appointments to the EHRC and the broader institutional capture

r/parkrun — Anger Builds as Trans-Inclusive parkrun Targeted

Thread "**Anger builds as trans-inclusive parkrun targeted despite saving NHS £36.5m a year**" — **169 upvotes, 357 comments**

- Intersection of trans rights with public health/wellbeing issues
- parkrun's trans-inclusive policy being targeted despite significant healthcare savings
- Example of how the anti-trans push is affecting non-NHS health initiatives

r/transgenderUK — Stonewall Clarified Definitions

Thread noting Stonewall updated their definitions, removing "identifies as" language and simply referring to "trans men as men, and trans women as women." Gender critical groups misinterpreted the change as a retreat.

r/transgenderUK — UK Government Lied About Trans Rights

Thread: "**At some point in the last 22 years the UK Government lied at scale about the rights of trans people**" — reflecting deep distrust of government institutions.

r/transgenderUK — Former UK Equality Chief Questions Peggie Tribunal Ruling

Thread about the former UK equality chief questioning the tribunal ruling against Dr. Helen Joyce in the Peggie case.

r/transgenderUK — Trans Campaign Group Warns Labour Over "Bathroom Ban Legacy"

Continuing coverage of trans campaign group warnings about Labour's legacy on bathroom bans at the Liverpool conference.

r/asktransgender — UK Bathroom Ban

Ongoing discussion thread about the practical implications of the bathroom ban.

r/autismUK — Reform UK and Equality Act Fears

Thread linking Reform UK's local council gains to fears about scrapping the Equality Act — intersection of autism/disability communities with trans rights concerns.

r/OutOfTheLoop — "What's up with the UK and transgender rights?"

General explainer thread — indicates the topic is reaching mainstream awareness.

? r/transgenderUK — Survey on Trans+ People Wanting to Leave the UK (29 May)

Thread "**Survey on trans+ people wanting to leave the UK**" — community discussion about conducting a formal survey to quantify how many trans+ people are leaving/considering leaving the UK following the SC ruling, FWS case, and EHRC guidance. Key theme: many trans people in tech are highly mobile/employable and digital nomad visas are accessible. The idea is to produce data that could be useful in advocacy — proving a brain drain that hurts the UK economy.

? r/transgenderUK — "One Random Toilet" Front Page News (28 May)

Thread "**We've hit the point where one random toilet allowing trans people to use it is front page news**" — highlights the absurdity that a church offering trans-inclusive toilets is now newsworthy. Discussion about the EHRC Code of Practice scrutiny period: from 1 June, 40 days of Parliament must pass before it becomes law. Reminder that the guidance applies to service providers, not users — individuals are not personally responsible for following it.

? r/transgenderUK — EHRC Advice Helpline Refuses to Answer (28 May)

Thread "**Yet more evidence the EHRC is unfit for purpose**" — a user documents emailing the EHRC advice helpline for practical guidance on how the new code affects them. EHRC refused to answer substantive questions, directing the user to "seek external legal advice." Extended discussion about the practical unworkability of the guidance — employers are already issuing

bathroom policies despite the code not yet being law. Comparison to Brexit's "oven ready deal" that left everything unresolved. Note: disability provisions under 2.48 of the guidance may protect trans people with gender dysphoria as a disability, creating a path via accessible toilets.

? r/transgenderUK — Trans Woman Sectioned on All-Male Ward (28 May)

Thread "**Trans woman sectioned for exercising her legal rights, at a hospital with a history of ignoring patient rights, at risk of detransition**" — detailed account of Pandora Holmes, a trans woman held involuntarily (sectioned) on a de facto all-male psychiatric ward. She repeatedly alerted staff to safety risks and was ignored. A Reform councillor (Fraser McFarland) allegedly behind background harassment including getting her dumped by mental health teams, banned from her local hospital, and arrested for "malicious communications." The community mobilised with email templates to the Priory Group (WPHenquiries@priorygroup.com).

? r/LabourUK — Britain's New Transphobic Laws Explained (26 May)

Thread "**Britain's New Transphobic Laws, Explained**" — Slow News Day YouTube video breaking down Labour's new equality guidance. Top comments reveal the UK is now ranked **28th on trans issues specifically** (22nd overall for LGBTQ+). Armenia and North Macedonia rank higher on trans protections. "I have more rights in Kenya than I do in the UK."

? r/LabourUK — Mass Lobby for Trans Rights (24 May)

Thread "**Mass Lobby for Trans Rights**" — Trans Solidarity Alliance organising a **mass lobby on 24 June 2026** in response to the EHRC guidance calling for trans segregation. Bitter discussion about efficacy — the 100,000+ strong protest against the SC ruling was ignored by media and government.

? r/LabourUK — Labour 2016 on Bathroom Bills (26 May)

Thread "**Labour in 2016: 'A bathroom Bill would never be passed here in the UK'**" — archived Labour statement from 2016 calling US-style bathroom bans "malicious, misinformed and directly threaten[ing]" trans people. Contrasted with current Labour government implementing exactly that. Keir Starmer's past Pride allyship photos (including holding trans pride banner in 2022) highlighted as hypocrisy — multiple MPs noting his claim to have "always" believed trans

women should be barred from women's spaces contradicts his public statements as recently as 2022-2023.

? r/ukpolitics — Guardian Op-Ed on Trans Segregation (27 May)

Thread "**Trans people like me are facing segregation now**" — Alexandra Parmar-Yee's Guardian op-ed cross-posted on r/ukpolitics (27 May) and r/LabourUK, continuing the conversation about the real-world impact of the EHRC Code.

Key Groups & Figures

Side	Groups/Figures	Position
Gender critical	Maya Forstater, JK Rowling, Fair Play For Women, Woman's Place UK, Sex Matters, Helen Joyce	Sex is biological; oppose self-ID; oppose trans women in female spaces
Trans rights	Stonewall UK, Mermaids, LGBT Foundation, Trans+ Solidarity Alliance, TransActual, Not A Phase, Revolting Spaces	Support self-ID; oppose bathroom bans; support trans-inclusive conversion therapy ban
Political parties	Labour (has now announced conversion therapy ban in King's Speech — fulfilling manifesto promise), Reform UK (calling for GRA repeal), Plaid Cymru/Lib Dems/Greens (trans rights supportive)	Varies significantly
Legal/HR	EHRC (consolidating biological sex definition, finalised Code of Practice laid in Parliament 21 May 2026), UKSC (Lord Hodge ruling)	Shifting toward biological sex basis

What It Means

The UK has seen a significant shift rightward on trans rights between 2024 and 2026. The combination of:

1. **The Cass Review** providing medical cover for restricting youth transitions
2. **The UKSC ruling** strengthening biological sex as a legal definition
3. **Reform UK's electoral rise** pulling political discourse further right
4. **Labour's weakness** — promising a trans-inclusive conversion ban, now finally delivering it in the King's Speech but criticised for taking 2 years and only doing so under parliamentary pressure
5. **EHRC guidance** consolidating the "sex is biological" interpretation and the finalised Code of Practice laid in Parliament on 21 May 2026 ...has created what activists are calling "trans-apartheid UK." The EHCR Code of Practice is the most significant concrete development, with the 300+ page document now before Parliament for a 40-day scrutiny period.

The King's Speech announcement of the Conversion Practices Bill is a significant development — it marks Labour finally delivering on its 2024 manifesto promise, after 2 years of inaction. However, critics note this is the **fifth time** such a bill has been announced across different governments, and the NHS under Wes Streeting (and now James Murray) has simultaneously restricted trans healthcare. The practical impact remains to be seen — the bill still needs to pass through Parliament, and its trans-inclusive scope will face opposition. **New developments since last update (28 May 2026):**

- **Reddit community discussion continued** through 28-29 May with several notable new threads:
 - **r/transgenderUK** — "Survey on trans+ people wanting to leave the UK" — community members discussing a formal survey to quantify brain drain from the UK, noting high employability of trans+ people in tech. Important data-gathering initiative.
 - **r/transgenderUK** — "We've hit the point where one random toilet allowing trans people to use it is front page news" — darkly humorous thread about a church offering trans-inclusive toilets making national news because it's now newsworthy. Conversation about 40-day parliamentary scrutiny period starting 1 June.
 - **r/transgenderUK** — "Yet more evidence the EHRC is unfit for purpose" — user documents emailing EHRC's advice helpline for guidance on how the new code works in practice; EHRC refused to answer, saying users should "seek external legal advice." Extended community discussion about practical realities of the guidance.
 - **r/transgenderUK** — "Trans woman sectioned for exercising her legal rights" — detailed account of Pandora Holmes, a trans woman held involuntarily on a de facto all-male psychiatric ward. She alerted staff to safety risks which were ignored. A Reform councillor (Fraser McFarland) allegedly involved in background harassment

campaign. Community mobilising with email templates to the Priory Group.

- **r/LabourUK** — "Britain's New Transphobic Laws, Explained" — YouTube video from Slow News Day. Comments note UK ranked 22nd overall for LGBTQ+ protections but **28th on trans issues specifically** — lower than Armenia and North Macedonia. "I have more rights in Kenya than I do in the UK."
- **r/LabourUK** — "Mass Lobby for Trans Rights" — Trans Solidarity Alliance organising a **mass lobby on 25 June 2026** (note: TSA website lists 25 June, not 24 June as previously reported) in response to EHRC guidance. Bitter discussion about efficacy of protests after 100,000-strong march was ignored.
- **r/LabourUK** — "Labour in 2016: 'A bathroom Bill would never be passed here in the UK'" — archived Labour statement from 2016 warning against US-style bathroom bans, contrasted with current Labour government implementing exactly that. Keir Starmer's past trans allyship (2022 Pride photos) highlighted as hypocrisy.
- **No new major legislation, court rulings, or government guidance** found during this update. The EHRC Code of Practice remains the most significant active development — it has been laid in Parliament and is now within the 40-day scrutiny period.

New developments since last update (31 May 2026) — latest update: 1 June 2026:

- **No new major legislation, court rulings, or government guidance** found since the last update on 31 May 2026.
- **Nitter (1 June 2026):** All instances still returning empty pages (nitter.net, nitter.poast.org, nitter.lucabased.cc, nitter.uni-x.xyz, nitter.privacydev.net, nitter.snopyta.org). Sixth consecutive failed Nitter attempt — this path appears dead.
- **Eddrit (1 June 2026):** SSH into Windows PC works but docker exec fails to find the correct container. old.reddit.com and new Reddit both blocking/captcha. No Reddit data available.
- **The 40-day parliamentary scrutiny period** on the EHRC Code of Practice begins its count of parliamentary sitting days from 1 June 2026 (the Code was laid in Parliament on 21 May 2026). No parliamentary challenges, motions, or committee decisions have been reported yet. If no objections are raised within the 40 sitting days, the Code becomes statutory guidance.
- **Conversion Practices Bill:** No new legislative text or parliamentary action since the King's Speech announcement (mid-May). The Bill has not been published in draft form yet.
- **Key stories from 29-30 May still developing** — Good Law Project lawsuit against NHS hospital (Lisa case), Lloyds Bank becoming first major corporate implementer of the EHRC Code, Pandora Holmes sectioned on all-male ward case, and the 80+ clinicians' statement on youth hormone therapy ban continue to generate discussion but no new developments reported.

New developments since last update (1 June 2026) — latest update: 2 June 2026:

- **EHRC Code of Practice debated in House of Commons (1 June 2026)** — Seema Malhotra (Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Equalities, DfE) made a ministerial statement on the draft Equality Act 2010 Code of Practice for services, public functions and

associations. Key points from the debate:

- Single-sex services should be provided on the basis of biological sex — women-only services for biological women only
- Trans people should have access to services — providers can offer accessible toilets, individual lockable toilets, or unisex facilities
- No right for members of the public to challenge one another on their sex when accessing spaces
- Associations for "women only" should be on the basis of biological sex, but associations can be based on both sex AND gender reassignment to be trans-inclusive
- Updated disability, maternity and pregnancy protections included in the code for the first time
- Shadow Equalities Minister (Conservative) attacked the 8-month delay between the code being sent to government (Sep 2025) and its release (May 2026)
- Opposition criticised the code being laid on the last day before the Whitsun parliamentary recess, arguing this minimised scrutiny
- Shadow minister noted NHS still hasn't updated its policy on single-sex spaces for staff despite the SC ruling being over a year old
- Bridget Phillipson was not present in the Chamber — Seema Malhotra took the debate
- **Guardian op-ed (1 June 2026):** "The new EHRC code isn't just about trans people's access to toilets — it's about protecting other vital single-sex spaces" by Susanna Rustin. Argues impact extends to prisons, refuges, rape crisis centres, lesbian groups, women's health centres and sports. Notes trans people also suffer from high rates of domestic abuse and need access to services.
- **IBTimes UK (2 June 2026):** "UK Trans Guidance Sparks Fierce Debate Over Women's Spaces and Equality Rights" — Katie Fowler analysis piece covering business responsibilities, school impact on gender-questioning children, and public/political reactions. Quotes Munroe Bergdorf: "We'll get through this together."
- **Nitter (2 June 2026):** All instances still returning empty/blocked pages. No X/Twitter data available.
- **Eddrit (2 June 2026):** Still blocked/403. No Reddit data available.
- **Mass Lobby date confirmed:** Trans Solidarity Alliance website lists **25 June 2026** (corrected from earlier reported 24 June). See: transsolidarityalliance.com/mass-lobby-2026
- **Conversion Practices Bill:** No new legislative text or parliamentary action since the King's Speech announcement. Still awaiting draft publication.
- **40-day scrutiny period:** First parliamentary sitting day of the scrutiny period was 1 June (the day the code was debated). 39 sitting days remaining. |---

New developments since last update (2 June 2026) — latest update: 3 June

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? Holyrood to Restore MSP Gender Search After Trans Survey (1 June 2026)

The Scottish Parliament sent a diversity survey to all 129 MSPs asking them to disclose their sex and trans status, with the goal of restoring the gender search filter on its website. Key details:

- The survey was sent by Lorna Hunter (director of people, communications and inclusion) with a deadline of Friday 5 June 2026
- Gender search functionality was removed from the parliament website after the May 2026 Holyrood election following concerns about data accuracy
- Two Scottish Green MSPs — **Iris Duane** and **Q Manivannan** — became the first openly trans members at Holyrood following the May vote; Manivannan also identifies as non-binary
- The survey asks MSPs whether they "consider themselves to be trans", defined as "people whose gender is not the same as the sex they were registered at birth"
- They're asked to detail their trans status with examples "non-binary, trans man, trans woman"
- Members can choose not to consent to publication — in that situation, their information is listed as "undisclosed"
- The SPCB said the data collection would assist a "gender sensitive audit" (previous audit ran Feb 2022–May 2026)
- Some MSPs had raised concerns about women being "erased" from the website after the search filter was removed
- Source: BBC News, 1 June 2026

? BBC Explainer: "What does trans mean and what rights do transgender people have?" (Updated 22 May 2026)

A comprehensive BBC explainer article (originally published 22 Sep 2020, updated 22 May 2026) includes new data and context:

- **10,250+** Gender Recognition Certificates (GRCs) issued in England, Wales and Scotland as of end of September 2025
- **~262,000 trans people** in England and Wales (0.5% of over-16s) per 2021 Census — but ONS subsequently downgraded data as "in development" following concerns about non-English speakers misunderstanding the question

- **Dr Victoria McCloud** — the UK's only judge to publicly identify as transgender — submitted a legal challenge against the Supreme Court ruling to the **European Court of Human Rights**, arguing there was a failure to consider trans people's rights. She holds a GRC and says the ruling creates an impossible situation: "I'm a woman for all purposes in the law" (per her birth certificate) but "I'm a man for the Equality Act 2010. So, I have to guess on any given occasion which sex I am." (Previously reported 7 June 2025)
- **EHRC Code requirements:** single-sex facilities (toilets, changing rooms) should be used on basis of biological sex; gender-neutral alternatives "have to be offered" with self-contained lockable areas with floor-to-ceiling walls; existing disabled toilet spaces or converting male/female toilets to unisex facilities are acceptable options
- EHRC chair Dr Mary-Ann Stephenson said she hoped people would read the code with an "open mind"

? Darts: Transgender Women Banned from Women's PDC Events (9 April 2026)

The Darts Regulation Authority (DRA) banned transgender women from competing in women's PDC events with immediate effect:

- The DRA ruled "only biological females should be eligible to compete in women's tournaments regulated by DRA Rules"
- **Noa-Lynn van Leuven** — who in 2024 became the first transgender woman to compete in the PDC World Championship — said the decision had "effectively retired her". She remains eligible for open tournaments: "Everyday it is getting harder for trans people to exist, to compete."
- The DRA commissioned a report by **Dr Emma Hilton** — an academic developmental biologist on the board of trustees for **Sex Matters** — concluding "multiple, small-magnitude sex differences accumulate to generate male advantage over females in darts"
- The decision referenced the UK Supreme Court ruling on biological sex and the World Darts Federation (WDF) ban on trans women from women's tournaments (2025)
- Context: In April 2026, IOC President Kirsty Coventry announced a ban on transgender women and DSD athletes from Olympic women's sport from 2028
- Source: BBC Sport, 9 April 2026

? 40-Day Scrutiny Period — Status Update (3 June 2026)

- The EHRC Code of Practice was debated in the House of Commons on 1 June 2026 (first sitting day of scrutiny period)
- The code was laid on the last day before the Whitsun parliamentary recess — opposition criticised this as minimising scrutiny

- **2 sitting days down, ~38 remaining** — the code will automatically become statutory guidance if no objections are raised within 40 parliamentary sitting days
- No new parliamentary challenges, motions, or committee decisions reported since the 1 June debate

?? Sources: Nitter and Eddrit Both Dead (3 June 2026)

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? ILGA-Europe Reclassification — UK Now in Worst Tier for Gender Recognition

The Wikipedia page on transgender rights in the UK has been updated to reflect the current (2026) status following the Supreme Court ruling:

- **ILGA-Europe** has reclassified the UK as having "**no functioning legal or administrative process for legal gender recognition**", placing the UK alongside **Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Russia** in Europe.
- The UK was one of the last countries in Europe to introduce legal gender recognition (GRA 2004) and has now effectively regressed to the lowest tier.
- Transgender people are only recognised under UK law as their "biological sex" as assigned at birth — trans women are legally considered men, and trans men are legally considered women.
- Retrieved 3 June 2026 from Wikipedia: [Transgender rights in the United Kingdom](#)

? YouGov Polling: British Public Growing More Sceptical on Trans Rights (Dec 2024)

The fourth wave of YouGov's tracking poll on trans rights (fieldwork December 2024) reveals **growing scepticism across all demographics**, including previously permissive groups:

Social vs Legal Gender Change:

Measure	Support (2024)	Opposition (2024)	Change since 2022
Social gender change	49%	35%	Support -6pts, Opp +10pts
Legal gender change	34%	48%	Support -6pts, Opp +11pts

Only **32%** support **both** social and legal change; **33%** support neither.

GRC Process:

- **Only 19%** say the process should be made easier; **63%** say it should not
- **70%** say doctor approval should remain compulsory
- **66%** say the two-year living requirement should stay

NHS Trans Healthcare:

- **57%** oppose NHS provision of gender reassignment surgery
- **51%** oppose NHS hormone treatments (up from 38% in 2022 — now a majority against)
- **75%** say puberty blockers should **not** be allowed for under-16s
- **78%** say hormone treatments should **not** be allowed for under-16s

Gendered Spaces (opposition to trans access):

- Toilets: 47% oppose trans men, 55% oppose trans women
- Changing rooms: 49% oppose trans men, 58% oppose trans women
- **52%** say trans women should not be allowed in women's refuges
- **55%** believe trans women in women's spaces "presents a genuine risk of harm to women"

Sports:

- **60%** say trans men should not be in men's sports
- **74%** say trans women should not be in women's sports

Demographic shifts: Among women — previously the most permissive group — support for legal gender change fell from 44% to 37%. Among 18-24 year olds — still most permissive — support fell from 57% to 50%, and opposition rose 16pts to 36%. **No demographic group** holds consistently pro-trans views across all questions.

Even among supporters: Only 32% of those who support both social and legal change think trans women should be in women's sports. Only 26% oppose the two-year GRC living requirement.

Personal knowledge: 38% of Britons know a trans person. Closer familiarity correlates with greater support, but even then, only 33% support trans women in women's sports.

Source: [YouGov — Where does the British public stand on transgender rights in 2024/25?](#)

? Good Law Project/YouGov Survey: 84% of Trans People Feel Britain Is Unsafe (July–Aug 2025)

A YouGov poll commissioned by the Good Law Project surveyed **457 trans, non-binary, and intersex adults** across Great Britain:

- **84%** said Britain is "fairly unsafe" or "very unsafe" for trans people
- **Only 14%** feel safe in this country
- **65%** reported verbal abuse in public spaces
- **24%** suffered physical violence
- **49%** found it difficult to access appropriate toilets when out in public
- **Only 25%** trust the police; **31%** trust the legal system
- **91%** distrust the Labour Party on trans rights
- **72%** said social attitudes have worsened in the last year

Jess O'Thompson, Good Law Project's trans lead: *"In recent months, many trans people have been living in abject terror... The fact that only 14% of trans people feel safe in this country represents a devastating humanitarian crisis."*

Source: [Good Law Project — 'Abject terror': survey shows 84% of trans people feel Britain is unsafe](#)

? UK Constitutional Law Analysis: Trans-Inclusive Provision Still Lawful Despite SC

Ruling (9 March 2026)

Robert Mullins (Associate Professor, TC Beirne School of Law, University of Queensland) published a detailed legal analysis arguing that **trans-inclusive provision in services and employment remains lawful** despite the FWS ruling in a blog for the UK Constitutional Law Association:

Three key arguments:

1. **ECtHR Article 8 jurisprudence** requires more than formal gender recognition — it demands avoiding "discordance between an individual's social reality and their legal status" (*Goodwin v UK*)
2. **Section 7 of the Equality Act 2010** protects the freedom to reassign sex for accessing segregated services; permanent exclusion from facilities intended for acquired sex constitutes **direct discrimination** (citing *Croft v Royal Mail* [2003], approved by SC in FWS at [134])
3. **Schedule 3 EA 2010** (sex-segregated services) is **permissive, not mandatory** — trans-inclusive provision is often lawful and, where lawful, must be considered as a reasonable alternative to complete segregation

Key quote from *Goodwin v UK*: *"The Court notes that with increasingly sophisticated surgery and types of hormonal treatments, the principal unchanging biological aspect of gender identity is the chromosomal element. It is known however that chromosomal anomalies may arise naturally... It is not apparent to the Court that the chromosomal element, amongst all the others, must inevitably take on decisive significance for the purposes of legal attribution of gender identity for transsexuals."*

Also notes: Swift J in *GLP v EHRC* [2026] concerning Workplace Regulations 1992 — trans-inclusive provision is permitted.

Source: [UK Constitutional Law Association — Rob Mullins: "Biological Sex", Social Segregation, and the Freedom to Reassign Sex](#)

? NHS Adult Trans Healthcare Review — Methodology Excluded 97% of Studies

QueerAF investigation into the NHS review underpinning the March 2026 pause on new hormone prescriptions for 16-17 year olds reveals:

- The review excluded **97% of studies** on hormones for trans youth by applying narrow "high quality" criteria
- This mirrors the **98% exclusion rate** of the discredited 2024 Cass Report
- A leaked Impact Assessment (to the *Mail on Sunday*) revealed NHS England is already **reviewing adult access** to cross-sex hormones

- NHS Directors have told TransActual that "the evidence base will be 'stronger for adults,' indicating a ban may be harder to justify"
- Cisgender uses of the same hormones (testosterone for women, oestrogen for prostate cancer) are outside the review's scope
- Ludovic Parsons (QueerAF analysis): "Pausing healthcare based on evidence that's been manufactured to suit an agenda *is* politics"

Source: [QueerAF — Fears NHS has begun review that could end free Trans+ adult healthcare](#)

? NHS England Blocks Youth Hormone Referrals — HRW Analysis (March 2026)

Human Rights Watch detailed analysis of the NHS England decision to block new referrals for gender-affirming hormone therapy for under-18s (effective 9 March 2026):

- 90-day consultation period now underway
- Existing patients may continue but each case reviewed individually
- Decision follows Cass Review — criticised by Yale Law Integrity Project, EPATH, BMA
- Prior restriction: puberty blockers limited to clinical trials (March 2024)
- Trans youth already faced **average wait times of two years** for a gender clinic appointment
- RAND 2024 systematic review: hormone therapy associated with **reduction in gender dysphoria**, no harmful health outcomes identified
- HRW: "NHS England should reverse this harmful decision and ensure transgender youth can access evidence-based, gender-affirming care"

Source: [HRW — NHS England Blocks Access to Gender-Affirming Hormone Therapies](#)

? YouGov Poll Methodology Note

- Fieldwork: mid-December 2024
- Sample: Representative of British adults (n~2,000+)
- Fourth wave of tracking since 2018, showing consistent trend toward greater scepticism
- Fewer people are unsure (11% unsure on both social and legal gender change, down 5pts from 2022) — polarisation increasing

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- Mass Lobby: Trans Solidarity Alliance **25 June 2026** — organising continues

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? BMA Statement on EHRC Code of Practice (2 June 2026)

The **British Medical Association** published a formal statement criticising the EHRC Code of Practice:

- Warns of "potentially devastating repercussions" for trans patients' access to healthcare and trans NHS staff's ability to conduct their duties
- Criticises the Code for codifying exclusion by recommending "third space" provision, "placing huge pressure on service providers to police individuals' identities"
- States the judgement and Code "do not reflect the reality of NHS services, many of which are already ill-equipped to provide safe and dignified care for trans patients"
- Calls on NHS England and devolved UK health bodies to "publish specific guidance for healthcare providers without delay"
- BMA policy supports "fair and equitable access for all trans healthcare staff and patients to accommodation, services, and care according to their gender whilst ensuring their safety and privacy"

Source: [BMA — Statement: EHRC code of practice for services, public functions and associations](#)

? Hampstead Heath Ponds Remain Trans-Inclusive (4 June 2026)

In a notable **pushback against exclusionary trends**, the City of London Corporation confirmed that Hampstead Heath's historic bathing ponds will remain trans-inclusive following a public consultation:

- **Trans women can continue to use Kenwood Ladies' Pond**; trans men can continue to use Highgate Men's Pond
- Decision comes after pressure from groups who argued UK equality law should mandate exclusion based on biological sex
- Guardian reported the decision as a victory for existing inclusive policies despite the Supreme Court ruling and EHRC Code

Source: [Guardian — Hampstead Heath ponds to remain trans-inclusive after public back existing rules](#) | [BBC News](#)

? Holyrood Restores MSP Gender Search After Trans Survey (2 June 2026)

The **Scottish Parliament** will restore the ability to search for MSPs by gender on its website after completing a diversity survey:

- MSPs were asked to disclose their sex and trans status in line with the EHRC Statutory Code of Practice

- The gender search functionality had been removed from the website following the 2026 Holyrood election as part of an ongoing review
- Information will be published based on MSPs' responses

Source: [BBC News — Holyrood to restore MSP gender search after trans survey](#)

? British Rowing Updates Trans Competition Eligibility Policy (June 2026)

British Rowing published an updated Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Eligibility Policy:

- Now reflects the UK Supreme Court Judgement of 2025 (biological sex definition) and the **IOC Policy from April 2026** on "Protection of the Female (Women's) Category"
- Supersedes the 2023 policy that already restricted trans women from elite female races
- Continues the trend of sporting bodies tightening trans exclusion following the SC ruling

Source: [British Rowing — Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Eligibility Policy updated | Policy PDF](#)

? Sunderland Minster Defends Trans Women Using Church Toilets (5 June 2026)

The **Church Times** reported that the Provost of Sunderland Minster, Canon MacLaren, publicly defended trans women's use of the church's women's toilets:

- Stated that transgender men and women "have as much right to privacy, dignity, and safety as cisgender men and women"
- A counter-example to the exclusionary direction of the EHRC Code of Practice
- Represents religious institutions taking an affirming stance despite government guidance

Source: [Church Times — Provost of Sunderland Minster defends use of its women's toilets by trans women](#)

Upcoming

- **Mass Lobby for Trans Equality** — 25 June 2026, Houses of Parliament, London (organised by Trans+ Solidarity Alliance)
- **EHRC Code of Practice 40-day parliamentary scrutiny period** continues — if no objections raised, Code becomes statutory guidance

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