

Bill C6 please add exemptions

I am a father and Canadian who believes in freedom of speech. There are concerns with the wording of Bill C6.

I believe Bill C6 the way it is written currently, endangers and enables more victims of gender affirming surgeries that regret their decisions but did not receive the counselling they needed when they were troubled youth. The bill **discourages counselling** to individuals that need it for fear of prosecution. It would be seen as working toward or against a “predefined goal.”

These children were quickly diagnosed with gender dysphoria and placed on surgery waitlists within two years. The professional doctors and counsellors were afraid to not go down the gender affirming surgical road without question due to the fear that bill C 16 and now bill C6 is putting into place.

Could asking a troubled teen to wait and or obtain counselling before they jump straight into life altering surgery now be considered conversion therapy? (As it could be perceived as encouraging “reducing sexual behaviour” or sexual expression?)

These children are being experimented on and the well meaning health professionals are afraid to offer counselling, with these coercive bills being put into place. These women all stand at the DAN (Detransitioner Advocacy Network) speaking publicly and supporting one another in their regretful decision they made when they were still children. Here's one's somber speech.

“Now the power of the supposedly progressive trans lobby means we can't question it when a girl chooses to mutilate her ‘wrong body’. It's time to stop listening to the lobby and start listening more carefully to people like Max. We certainly were in Manchester, when she said to a roomful of people: **“It's highly possible that if I had got expert therapy I may never have transitioned.”**”

Dr Victoria Rose is a consultant plastic surgeon at the London Clinic. She states, “It's true there is more cultural pressure and online influence on youngsters than ever before. Why, then, weren't these “impressionable” girls given more help along the way? Why weren't they offered expert therapy before the drastic action of puberty blockers is prescribed?

The British Psychological Society (BPS) guidelines suggest that clinicians affirm the young person's gender identity, meaning that it would be considered to be ‘bad practice’ to offer therapy and other non-medical interventions rather than hormones and surgery. In other words, if mental health professionals suggest to a child that they could perhaps give them help and support to feel good about living in their bodies without having to change it with major surgery and lifelong hormonal treatment, **they would be considered transphobic.** (or prosecuted for practicing “conversion therapy” because of the counselling offered??)**

**<https://unherd.com/2019/12/the-nhs-is-failing-trans-kids/?=refinnar>

“Many of these concerns with Bill C-6 could be alleviated by::

deleting the final clause in the definition of conversion therapy, “to repress or reduce non-heterosexual attraction or sexual behaviour;” and

clarifying in the exemptions that the following will not be considered conversion therapy:

- parental guidance on matters of gender or sexuality
- religious instruction on matters of gender or sexuality
- the private or public expression of sincerely held beliefs or views
- therapeutic or medical care offered to individuals voluntarily seeking support.”*
- counselling offered to troubled girls or boys who may be experiencing sexual identity issues on top of other emotional trauma
- physicians who offer the advice to wait and or seek counselling, before jumping straight to reassignment gender surgery and hormone blockers

*Excerpt from

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In conclusion the bill should be about protecting the vulnerable. Please ban degrading and shaming conversion therapy, but continue to protect children who need help. Add the clarifying exemptions to Bill C6 so individuals can be counselled and protected without parents and professionals fearing criminalization for acting in a child’s best interest. Especially before life altering hormones or gender affirming surgeries are offered.

Again please refer to and add the stated exemptions that need to be included in clarifying bill C6.