

## Response ID ANON-3755-S44K-T

Submitted to Consultation to remove reference to a registrant's gender on the public register  
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### Removing reference to a registrant's gender on the public register

#### Tell us who you are

1 What is your name?

Name:  
Chay Brown

2 What is your email address?

Email:  
transactualuk@gmail.com

3 Are you responding on behalf of an organisation?

Yes

If yes, specify name of organisation:  
TransActual

4 Which category best describes you or the organisation you are responding on behalf of?

Patient representative charity/organisation

If other, please specify:

#### Consultation questions

5 Do you agree that we should remove information about a registrant's gender from the public register?

Yes

Please explain the reasons for your answer.:

There is no need to have a registrant's gender on the public register. If an individual has a preference about the gender of their optical professional, they're not going to look for it on the register but will ask about it when booking their appointment.

6 We want to understand whether the proposal may discriminate against or unintentionally disadvantage any individuals or groups sharing any of the protected characteristics in the Equality Act 2010 which protects everyone living in the UK including refugees and migrants. Do you think the proposal will have a negative impact on certain individuals or groups who share any of the protected characteristics listed below? (Please select all that apply)

None of the above

Please describe the impact on the individuals or groups that you have ticked.:

7 We also want to understand whether the proposal may benefit any individuals or groups sharing any of the protected characteristics in the Equality Act 2010 which protects everyone living in the UK including refugees and migrants. Do you think the proposal will have a positive impact on any individuals or groups who share any of the protected characteristics listed below? (Please select all that apply)

Gender reassignment

Please describe the impact on the individuals or groups that you have ticked.:

This change will benefit trans people in that it will result in there being less publicly available information for a trans registrant to change when they first start transitioning.

8 Have we identified and captured the impact accurately within the impact assessment?

No

Please provide further detail including if there are other impacts we should consider.:

In the Human Rights, Equality and Inclusion section, members of the public are classed as high risk. It is unclear why this change would be of high risk to the public, it's simply a removal of unnecessary information.

## Equality, diversity and inclusion

9 Age

35 - 34

10 Gender identity

Male

11 Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

No

12 Sexual orientation

Gay/Lesbian

13 Marital status

Divorced or civil partnership dissolved

14 Ethnicity

White: English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish, British

15 Religion or belief

No religion or belief

16 Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

Yes

17 Are you pregnant, on maternity leave, or returning from maternity leave?

No

18 Do you perform the role of a carer?

No

## Consent to publish your response

19 Can we publish your response?

Yes