

# Rapid Onset Gender Dysphoria (ROGD) and social contagion

There is worldwide concern about the number of young people coming out as transgender having no previous childhood history of gender dysphoria. The majority of these are teenage girls and parents are noting 'social media binging' on YouTube and on forums such as Reddit and Tumblr prior to transgender identification.

A recent paper by Dr. Lisa Littman, calling for more research has been viewed nearly 97,000 times over the past few months - see **Appendix A: Rapid-onset gender dysphoria in adolescents and young adults: a study of parental reports**. Transactivists have tried to squash calls for more research but the press is calling for academic freedom to prevail.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Rapid-onset gender dysphoria in adolescents and young adults: A study of parental reports

Lisa Littman

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### Abstract

#### Purpose

In on-line forums, parents have been reporting that their children are experiencing what is described here as "rapid-onset gender dysphoria," appearing for the first time during puberty or even after its completion. The onset of gender dysphoria seemed to occur in the context of belonging to a peer group where one, multiple, or even all of the friends have become gender

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Psychiatric conditions may underlie 'rapid-onset gender dysphoria.' That finding, and the call for more research, brought out the activist bullies. [bit.ly/2M3i3Bm](https://bit.ly/2M3i3Bm)

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This is a serious breach of academic freedom. And it is not the first one. This totalitarian movement. Rapid gender dysphoria in girls is not going away. What is causing it? Why are we not

The Federalist

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'Rapid-onset gender dysphoria' may be a social contagion linked with having friends who identify as LGBT, an identity politics culture, and an increase in internet use, finds a Brown University study.

Study Repressed For Finding Trans Kids May Be Social Contagion

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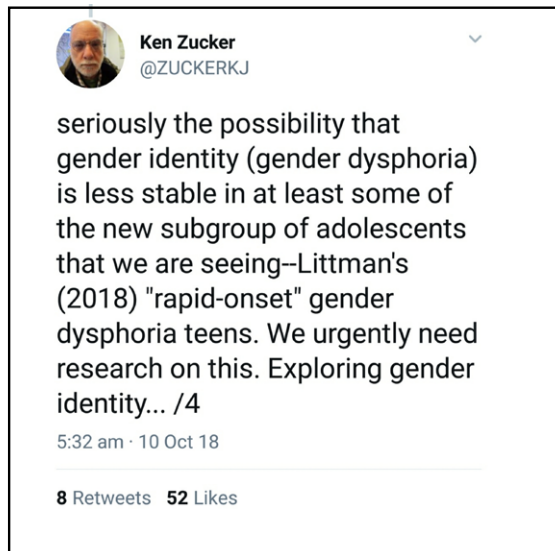
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Very strong defence of Dr Lisa Littman, her right to study rapid onset gender dysphoria in girls and academic freedom from former dean of Harvard Medical School.

As a Former Dean of Harvard Medical School, I Question Brown's Failure to...

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# Concerned clinicians, feminists, academics and international parent groups are speaking out.



New website launched for top clinicians who are worried about Rapid Onset Gender Dysphoria



See also

## Appendix B:

Gender Dysphoria in adolescents: Current perspectives

## Appendix C:

Misunderstanding a new kind of gender dysphoria (Quillette)

## Appendix D:

Dr Susan Bradley:  
How trans activists are unethically influencing autistic children to change genders

The Internet  
Down the Rabbit Hole

Back I AM Aspie Girl®  
The Unique Characteristics, Traits and Gifts of Females on the Autism Spectrum  
Tania A. Marshall  
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Back I AM Aspie Woman®  
The Unique Characteristics, Traits and Gifts of Adult Females on the Autism Spectrum  
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Internationally renowned autism expert, Tanya Marshall has produces a 1 hour video about Rapid Onset Gender Dysphoria issues seen in her clinics.

**Watch video 1 on the penstick**

(Tanya is happy to consult with GIDS)

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## Transgender TREND

Parents questioning the trans narrative



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The College acknowledges the need for better evidence on the outcomes of pre-pubertal children who present as transgender or gender-diverse, whether or not they enter treatment. Until that evidence is available, the College believes that a watch and wait policy, which does not place any pressure on children to live or behave in accordance with their sex assigned at birth or to move rapidly to gender transition, may be an appropriate course of action when young people first present.

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**Heather Brunskell Evans**  
Social Theorist and Philosopher



This book is a collection of essays about the current theory and practice of transgenering children. Essays are written against the grain of the popularised medical definition of 'the transgender child' as a young person whose 'true' gender lies in the brain, or pre-social 'identity'. Contributors contest this diagnosis from a range of perspectives, including as social theorists, psychotherapists, persons living as transgender, individuals who have de-transitioned, and parents of adolescents identifying as transgender. They argue that medicine, social policy and the law build ideas about 'the transgender child', and contend that it is politics, not science, which accounts for the exponential rise in the number of children diagnosed as transgender by gender identity clinics. They conclude that today's medical and social trend for transgenering children is not liberal and progressive, but politically reactionary, physically and psychologically dangerous and abusive.

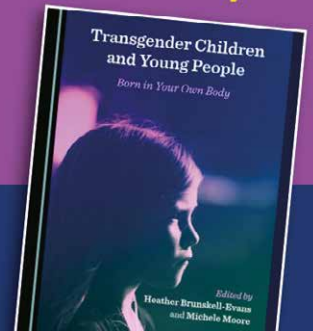
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Professor Michele Moore

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**Watch video 2 on the penstick .** The viral video from Professor Michele Moore.



A recent audit at Charing Cross gender identity clinic identified a high prevalence of patients (well above the national average) with Autistic Spectrum traits and associated

## Gender critical parent's forum

1,100 parents have joined a gender critical parents' forum in just 12 months. They are recording their testimonies.

# ‘Watchful Waiting’ parents speak out

Parents, clinicians, academics and journalists gathered under the hashtag **#ROGDweek2018**. You can follow that hashtag for hundreds of pieces of information.



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## Parents Speak Out #1

**“** *The same therapist who was treating my child for other mental issues for some time before the trans revelation, now joyfully refers to my child by the new name and has gleefully stated that all the other prior mental health issues are just because my child now identifies as transgender...*

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## Parents Speak Out #2

**“** *My 15 daughter came home from 2 weeks with friends thinking she is a boy. She had facebook messaged her grandmother that she was trans...*

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## Parents Speak Out #3

**“** *It's truly like she's been sucked into a cult and I don't know how to get her out. Her best friend is doing the same thing...*

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## Parents Speak Out #4

**“** *As the mother of a young adult male who suddenly decided after internet bingeing that he was really a woman, every time I hear "Would you rather have a dead son or a live daughter?" I just want to scream...*

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## Parents Speak Out #5

**“** *The therapist would have gladly written a prescription for Testosterone had I not been so vociferous about all my concerns and doubts...*

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## Parents Speak Out #6

**“** *My biggest fear is that if I keep pushing her to stop binding, she is going to get a mastectomy at the first opportunity...*

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## Parents Speak Out #7

**“** *The tension around this issue is unbearable. She is so concerned about how others perceive her, and seems to think being called 'he' will magically solve all her other issues...*

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## Parents Speak Out #8

**“** *What a lot of us parents are experiencing is a sudden change in our kids, with groups of girls in school all doing it and having to pretend that they're suddenly gay boys...*

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## Parents Speak Out #9

**“** *She already suffers from major depression and has Aspergers. It all seems so hopeless. I'm losing my daughter and I can't do anything about it...*

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## Parents Speak Out #10

**“** *Both of my nephews, 13 and 15, know that this movement is crazy, but they're also aware that there is a gag order about discussing it...*

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## Parents Speak Out #11

**“ I am so angry at the many “experts” who happily took our money, scared us into believing them, never encouraging us to question anything – and now I have to figure it all out by myself...**

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## Parents Speak Out #12

**“ She said she determined this through the internet and seeing what others around her looked like and what they identified as...**

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## Parents Speak Out #13

**“ My daughter said she is trans in May of this year. I found out her school has been letting her use a boy name and male pronouns...**

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## Parents Speak Out #14

**“ The binding really bothers me. Had I realized that binding is a form of self harm, I would have never allowed it. Now it's too late...**

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## Parents Speak Out #15

**“ When she got on the internet at age 15, things went downhill quickly. I would say she was sucked down a dark hole...**

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## Parents Speak Out #16

**“ I tried therapy for myself, but the therapist just could not relate to this at all and I found it more annoying than helpful. In addition, she also kept pushing me just to accept my daughter's transition as if it was no big deal...**

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## Parents Speak Out #17

**“ My daughter was very happy and very confident before she discovered the trans community. Now she is fighting her own biology and getting more confused....**

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## Parents Speak Out #18

**“ I feel that this rapid transness is some kind of coping mechanism for whatever my daughter is feeling uncomfortable or unsure about...**

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## Parents Speak Out #19

**“ In 6 months she went from lesbian to trans and wanting testosterone and top surgery...**

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## Parents Speak Out #20

**“ I thought surely after the autism diagnosis they would see what I see, especially after I told them about all the kids she knows that think they're trans...**

Source: lilymaynard.wordpress.com

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## Parents Speak Out #21

**“ I've even had child services called on me for not allowing my child to transition since I didn't care for one therapists approach, which was to hand my child a pamphlet on how to transition...**

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## Parents Speak Out #22

**“ I am feeling really stressed and hopeless. I am terrified for my daughter. I tried to talk to her again. I really believe this is dysphoria with life not gender...**

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## Parents Speak Out #23

**“ She was one of those teens that never showed any sign of wanting to be a boy until a heaping dose of social media..**

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## Parents Speak Out #24

**“ The treatment team for my daughter affirmed her choice in every way and recommended that we immediately start hormone suppression...**

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## Parents Speak Out #25

**“ My daughter's gender therapist fully and nonchalantly agreed with my observation that groups of girls are doing this: entire friend groups!**

Source: lilymaynard.wordpress.com

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## Parents Speak Out #26

**“ Every session that my daughter had with the therapist was asking her “so what is your next plan for transitioning?”**

Source: lilymaynard.wordpress.com

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## Why are so many teenage girls appearing in gender clinics?

*A new paper suggests this may be partly a social phenomenon*



Andrew Gilligan  
@mrageilligan

59% of MPs (across all parties) and 82% of Tory MPs believe the recent increase in the number of children presenting as transgender is worrying and has not yet been properly explained or discussed. ComRes poll of MPs, Sept 2018.

7:01 pm · 14 Oct 18

The Telegraph

## Minister orders inquiry into 4,000 per cent rise in children wanting to change sex



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An explosion in the number of children wanting to change sex has prompted an inquiry by ministers.

Penny Mordaunt, the Minister for Women and Equalities, wants to understand the reasons behind a 4,400 per cent increase in girls being referred for transitioning treatment in the past decade.

Officials will look into the role of social media and the teaching of transgender issues in schools as part of their inquiries

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The Guardian view on the Gender Recognition Act: where rights collide  
*Editorial*

Where changes have been introduced or are proposed, including in prisons, women should be consulted.

This is a complex issue that society needs to consider thoughtfully. Further research into the **rise in referrals of children** to gender identity services would be helpful, for example. Social media have unhelpfully amplified the voices at both extremes of this argument. The current divisions are troubling. The end of the consultation ought to create a pause for reflection and space for a more constructive exchange.

See also

**Appendix E:**

Sunday Times - Janice Turner. Why do so many teenage girls want to be like Alex Bertie?

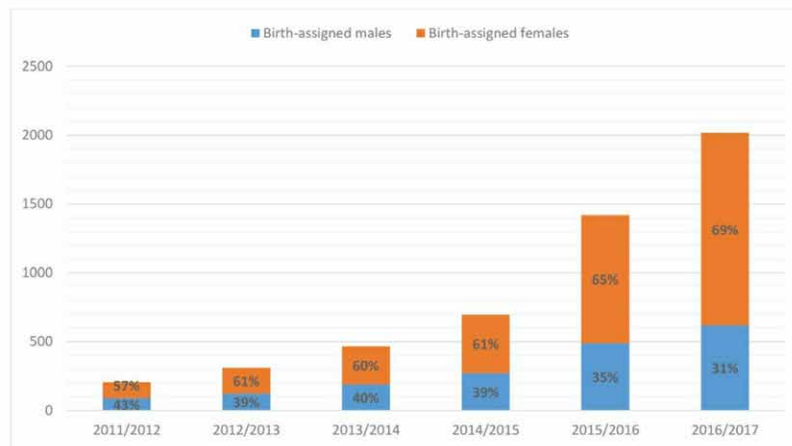
**Appendix F:**

Government probe into why so many girls want to be boys.



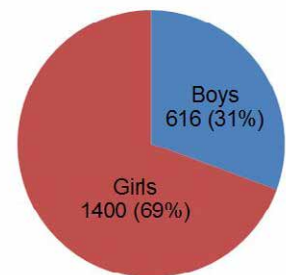
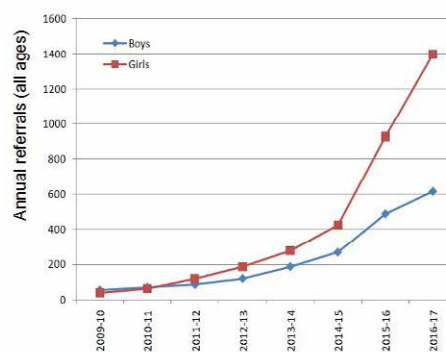
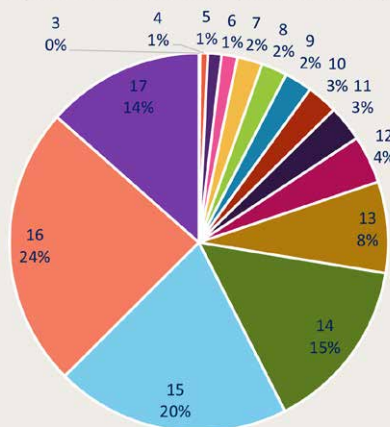
# Tavistock GIDS – relevant quotes and information

Referrals to the Gender Identity Development Service by birth-registered gender, April 2011–April 2017.



Garv Butler et al. Arch Dis Child 2018;103:631-636

GIDS Referrals by Age  
Apr 2009 to Mar 2016 (5239 Referrals)



Annual referrals for 2016/17 (all ages)

Current treatment in the NHS for CYP experiencing 'gender dysphoria' is aimed at alleviating dysphoric feelings and improving psychological wellbeing. However, the evidence on which the current treatment protocols are based is widely acknowledged to be both limited and shifting. For children/younger adolescents presenting to services, there is minimal research evidence, both in the UK and internationally, to inform questions regarding likely trajectories and outcomes particularly in the context of:

- physical treatments (e.g. hormone blockers to suppress the onset of puberty)
- social transition
- co-occurring Autism Spectrum Disorder

GIDS recognises more research is needed.

Dr Wren also raised the issue of influences on a child from people who "inevitably shape their views, select and present evidence to them and interpret their options" and wondered how we can be sure of the authenticity of any young person's choice of treatment when "some support groups and online sources widely communicate to young people their conviction that transition is essential." Support groups such as Mermaids, GIREs and the Intercom Trust for example?

Source: Transgendertrend.com

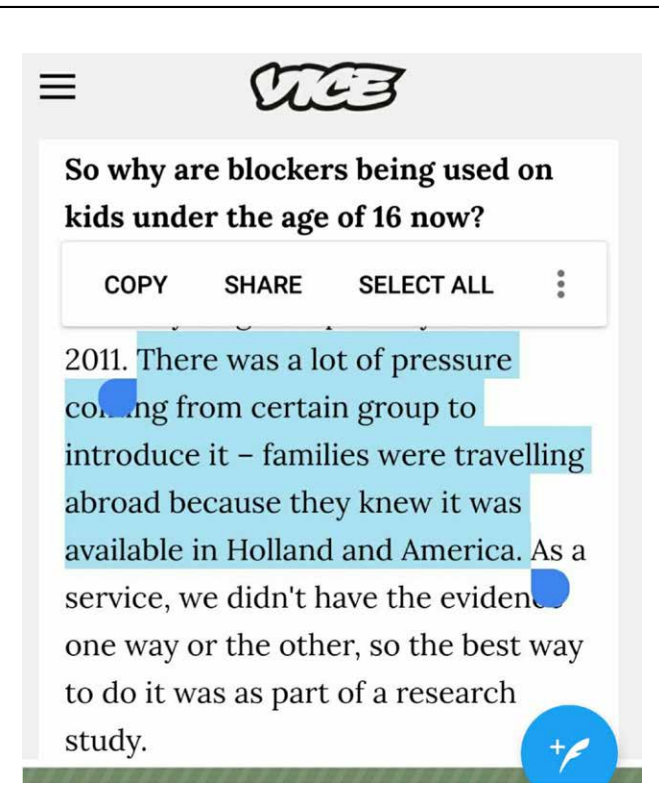
“...without a doubt there are some young people who are finding a community, friends and all sorts of things through joining a group who have an interest around gender and I think that for some of those we would be very foolish not to acknowledge that it's probably the case that they are caught up in something rather than it being an expression of something that has arisen from within. So there is a lot of concern.”

Dr Polly Carmichael  
(ACAMHS 2018)

“I have been shocked by some of the things that are swilling around the internet that young people have access to. There are numerous groups on Reddit and Tumblr that many of the young people that are attending our service are going onto...maybe it's also the dissing of expertise, in a way, so that there is a feeling that this is about who I am, so what does anyone else know? It's a very odd situation in some way.”

Dr Polly Carmichael  
(ACAMHS 2018)

See also  
**Appendix G:**  
Assessment and  
support of children and  
adolescents with gender  
dysphoria



Dr Polly Carmichael  
(Vice magazine)

and the change in sex ratio is also seen in other countries.<sup>1</sup> The reasons are not fully explicable and a number of questions arise. Is this increase due mostly to the greater tolerance of gender-diverse expression in westernised society? Is male status still regarded as preferable? Are all referrals to a specialist service appropriate and do all these young people have ascertainable GD? What are the benefits, as well as the possible harms, in supporting and helping these young people at different stages of development?

GIDS in British Medical Journal, 2018

‘rapid onset gender dysphoria’.<sup>7</sup> Tavistock clinicians Bonfatto and Crasnow (2018) describe cases where ‘cross gender identification manifested itself post puberty and without a previous history of gender incongruence’ and comment that this ‘rapid onset of gender dysphoria in assigned females post puberty is indeed a worrying phenomenon we are observing more and more at the clinic.’<sup>8</sup>

From a recent GIDS research paper

# Trans support groups and activists dismiss ROGD



**Ellen Murray**   
@ellenfromnowon

Rapid Onset Gender Dysphoria  
more like fuck my eyebrows

10:59 p.m. · 15 Feb 18

3 Retweets 27 Likes



**Ellen Murray**  @ellenf... · 15 Feb  
ROGD could be a useful term to describe those sudden dysphoria things trans people experience sometimes. But no, instead it means bollocks invented by some tubes



**Mermaids**  @Mermaids\_Gender · 7h

We're pleased that @wpath has made this clear and informed statement about "Rapid Onset Gender Dysphoria" (ROGD) confirming that it is not a medically recognised term acknowledged by the expert practitioners working in the field of adolescent gender identity.



**Fox Fisher**   
@theFoxFisher

Remember that rubbish about 'Rapid Onset Dysphoria'? Well, it got pulled because it's complete spurious and fraudulent science. Eat your words transphobes!

[news.brown.edu/articles/2018/...](https://news.brown.edu/articles/2018/...)  
[#TransRightsAreHumanRights](#)

11:57 AM · Aug 28, 2018



**Owl**  
@UglaStefania

It was removed because it's nothing but junk science based on pure malice, lack of evidence and bad methodology. There is no such thing as 'rapid onset dysphoria' and no journal that wants to be taken seriously should publish this clearly biased trash.

[news.brown.edu/articles/2018/...](https://news.brown.edu/articles/2018/...)

11:47 AM · Aug 28, 2018



**SHON**   
@shonfaye

'Rapid Onset Gender Dysphoria' is transphobe speak for "you didn't feel able to consider or process the fact that you were trans because I'm such a transphobe, now you have begun to explore this I've decided it's fake and wrong because, as discussed, I'm a transphobe."

12:17 AM · Mar 11, 2018

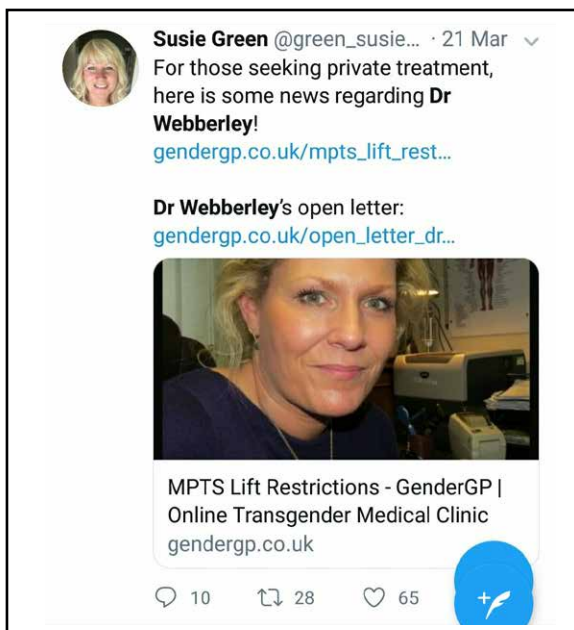


**Christine Burns MBE**  
@christineburns

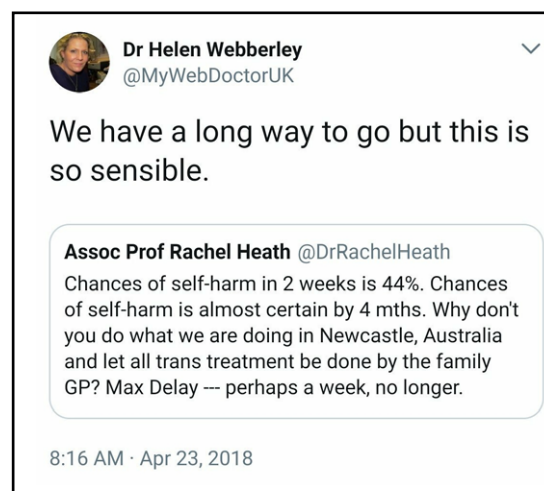
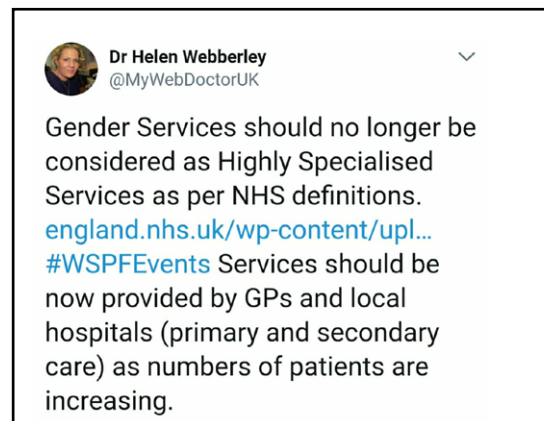
The latest bullshit notion from the trans hate brigade is "Rapid Onset Gender Dysphoria" – basically the idea that nobody anticipated their child presenting one day with gender dysphoria until one day it happens. See also "Late Onset Listening Disorder". [#MadeUpTerms](#)

# Mermaids links with Dr. Helen Webberley

Dr Webberley is currently awaiting sentencing after prosecution by Healthcare Inspectorate Wales - and was previously under a GMC investigation



Doctor Webberley hosts critical reports of Tavistock GIDS and publicly calls for changes to its contract and service.



# Mermaids use of 'suicide risk' narrative (against Samaritan's guidelines and suicide statistics evidence)



**Susie Green**  
@green\_susie100

Tell that to the parents of the 4 families that donated the funeral collections to Mermaids last year, after their children took their own lives. Each and every life lost because of prejudice and bigotry. Honestly you need to fuck off. You know nothing.

10:02 am · 12 May 18



**Andrew Gilligan**  
@mragilligan

The charity @Mermaids\_Gender has a history of using and popularising highly dubious figures on suicide. Their "48% of trans young people attempt suicide" claim comes from a self-selected survey of 27 trans young people, of whom 13 said they had attempted suicide.



**Andrew Gilligan**  
@mragilligan

Michael Biggs, asst prof of sociology at Oxford: "It is highly irresponsible for @Mermaids\_Gender to try to mobilise these tragedies for the purposes of their political agenda and it is disturbing that ITV seems to have been dragged into it."

3:23 pm · 14 Oct 18



**Andrew Gilligan**  
@mragilligan

ITV drama Butterfly (that shows a transgender 11-y-o attempting suicide) is "not helpful," says England's only NHS gender clinic for young people. "It would be very unusual" for people that age to attempt suicide.



Anna Friel and Callum Booth-Ford in the drama Butterfly (Credit: ITV)

## Teen transgender drama 'inflates suicide risk'

Andrew Gilligan

12:01 am, October 14 2018

The NHS's only gender clinic for children and teenagers has criticised a new ITV drama that shows a transgender 11-year-old trying to commit suicide as "not helpful," saying it "would be very unusual" for a child of that age to attempt suicide.

Its highly irresponsible to use phrases such as 'Better to have happy daughter than a dead son'. There is **NO evidence** to support trans lobby claims that watchful waiting increases self harm or suicide. We should be building resilience in our children.

# Criticism of Tavistock GIDS by support groups and transactivists, who are trying to undermine GIDS' contract. They view GIDS as a monopoly service and want competition.

Mermaids' parents and a trustee:

**FierceMum** @FierceMum · 2h  
Replying to @christineburns and @Tara\_Hewitt  
Faffed around is one way of putting it. From the perspective of service users the process is spoken about as traumatising, dehumanising, depression-inducing: parents feel judged and threatened, youth feel invalidated, and without hope. parents and youth feel total powerlessness

**Transfigurations** @TransDevon · 21s  
Replying to @christineburns and @Tara\_Hewitt  
This critical comment from a young man who went through their process would certainly suggest that conversion therapy is being practised at GIDS and is hinted at in their own paper (page 17)

Helen Retweeted

**FierceMum** @FierceMum · 5h  
UK Children's Gender Service's latest journal article is one of the worst academic articles I have ever read. Here is a very detailed review:



UK GIDS Failing Publicly  
growinguptransgender.com

**Growing-up-trans** @DadTrans · 4h  
This is a symptom of desperate attempt at control over who is considered trans, and trans representation. GIDS is a monopoly service mired in defensive practice, out of touch, unable to cope with demand, unable to adapt to evidence, failing our children.  
#NHSFailingtranskids

**Tara Hewitt** @Tara\_Hewitt  
Replying to @DadTrans @PaulJThinks and @TaviAndPort  
The fact England's only NHS specialist Gender service for Children and Young people decided to come out and criticise the most representative and pivotal programme on trans young people we hav...

**Anna Chivers** @pretty\_done · 2h  
Let's be clear, what 'watchful waiting' means is delaying social transition and medical intervention with the effect of prolonging gender dysphoria whilst also effectively invalidating what a child is telling you.

### Current options for parents:

**Wait:**

- Watch child develop into the body that they cannot bare
- Related issues of self harm & suicide
- Lifelong issues with self esteem and confidence
- Future reparative surgery to correct pubertal development that could have been avoided

**Go abroad:**

- Dr Norman Spack - Founder of GEMS clinic in Boston USA
- Hamburg Clinic- agreed to do a day's assessment including endocrine appointment.
- Other European clinics now willing to treat our kids

**Self medicate**

### Mermaids View

- The current Gender Identity Service is inadequate in its provision for those young people already undergoing puberty at time of referral
- It is causing harm as a result of prolonged delays to access to treatment
- Mermaids is working with GIREs, and other partners to try to influence a more holistic approach for young people in these circumstances

**FierceMum** @FierceMum · 16h  
The NHS is transphobic at heart  
Viewing gender as a disorder for a start  
They don't care about our trans kids  
Anything would be better than GIDS

We get experts who hate trans folks  
Who think trans positivity is a joke  
Pathologising, outdated, offensive  
Slow, damaging, defensive

**Growing-up-trans** @DadTrans · 11h  
Replying to @DadTrans  
These trans adolescents are being utterly failed by the NHS. The Monopoly GIDS @TaviAndPort flout the NHS service specification. They are so ridiculously in breach of waiting lists times they have stopped even trying. Those who can afford, go private, leading to a two tier system

**Growing-up-trans** @DadTrans · 11h  
If you seek private treatment you risk being kicked out of the service. If you buy hormones online, or internationally, you risk them reporting you to social services. If you complain, you are ignored, if you challenge their protocols you are dismissed as a 'Trans Activist'.

Mermaids parents' lobby group is given regular access to GIDS staff. As equal parent stakeholders, we request that gender critical parent groups be afforded the same rights.

# Criticism of Tavistock GIDS by support groups and transactivists who are trying to undermine GIDS contract. They view GIDS as a monopoly service and want competition.



**Annie Wallace** @anniewallace

It's for reasons like this, and other continuing issues, that I can no longer support or encourage anyone to use the @TaviAndPort gender identity clinic. There seems to be a transphobic culture there that belongs in the 1990's, not the 21st century. 1/2

**FierceMum** @FierceMum

The offensive term 'Gender Identity Disorder' (GID) was ditched in 2013. GID is a defunct diagnosis, no longer used, inaccurate, pathologising. UK NHS Children's GIDS (note their acronym) are recruiting new staff. The job descriptions use the term Identity Disorder.



**Anna Chivers** @pretty\_done

The 'watchful waiting' approach is predicated on a core belief that trans people's gender is not valid, or that the majority will stop being trans. How offensive is that?

**Julia Serano** @JuliaSerano

a THREAD of all my essays related to current #transgender/GNC children debates. here is my most thorough piece: "Detransition, Desistance, & Disinformation" - it's a long read b/c this is a complex subject: medium.com/@juliaserano/d... Show this thread

12:49 pm · 25 Jul 2018



**Tara Hewitt** @Tara\_Hewitt · 4h

Replying to @aoifemrtn and @TaviAndPort These people are running a monopoly ignoring original philosophy from @NHSEngland and using the language of Transphobes we need services delivered by alternative providers #Transphobia



**FierceMum** @FierceMum · 1h

Replying to @NotRightRuth They actively cause harm. The woeful state of trans kids in the UK is in part due to the failings in the leadership of the UK Children's service.



**Christine Burns MBE** @christinebu... · 4h

This is outrageous. If there are people causing direct harm to your patient cohort you don't step back and say, "let's make some rhetorical space for them to carry on doing so". Her approach smacks of negligence in the pursuit of a quieter life. It's about HER, not the patients.

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**Christine Burns MBE** @christinebu... · 4h

And you're absolutely right that her clinic's disinclination to get involved dealing with industrial scale misinformation CREATING space for those lies to be repeated over in the press and through dishonest literature.

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**Nathan Hudson-Sharp** @nhudson\_sharp

? from floor on gender dysphoria diagnoses. Dr Carmichael emphasises that the whole process is focused on supporting young people to explore their identities with their families, rather than



**Christine Burns MBE** @christinebu... · Jun 4

Replying to @NotRightRuth

Face it, she's a jobsworth. On her watch she seems to have acquired some staff with views that don't concur with her own clinic's policy and she appears to lack the guts to do anything other than appease them. She's not in control of the show. She's acting like a hostage.



**Anna Chivers** @pretty\_done · 2h

GIDS 'evidence base' is highly geared around Steensma's theories and research that is critically flawed (refer to the link to Julia Serano above)... and what on earth does 'Affirming without confirming' mean in practice?!!!



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**Tara Hewitt** @Tara\_Hewitt

.@wheppolette @JonRouseGM The monopoly of trans young peoples children's services at @TaviAndPort are not fit for purpose.... time @NHSEngland acted @ShahanaRamsden @sanghera70 @neilgchurchill

# Dr Stuart Lorimer

NHS consultant, Tavistock GIC and Head of GenderCare, private gender clinic

We believe that NHS staff should be politically and ideologically neutral and there should be no blurring of lines between NHS positions and private practice / lobbying



Dr Stuart Lorimer  
@GenderCareDrL

We are @TaviAndPort!



10:11 pm · 07 Apr 17

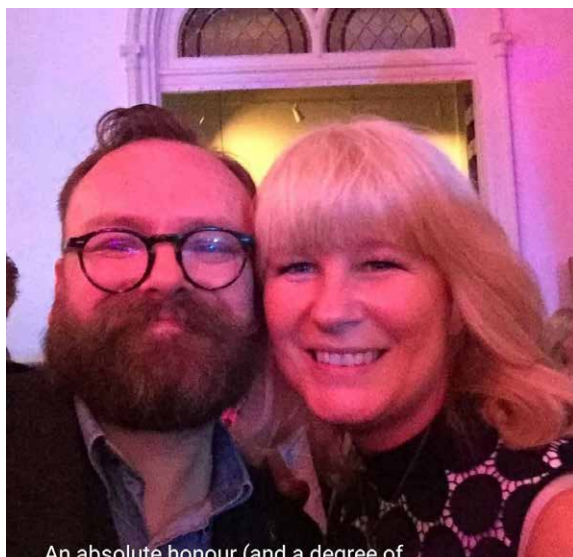


Dr Stuart Lorimer  
@GenderCareDrL

Overdue GenderCare meeting.  
Serious business.



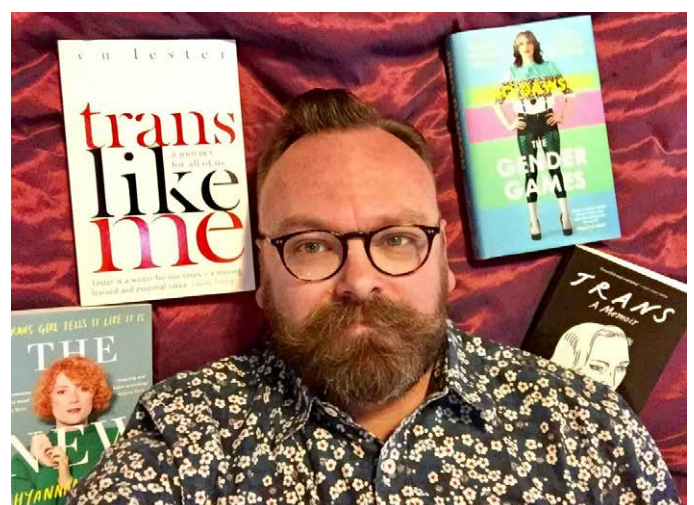
10:58 p.m. · 13 Apr 18



An absolute honour (and a degree of starstruckness on my part) to meet Susie Green, of Mermaids, at WPATH. — with **Stuart Lorimer**.

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**Dr Stuart Lorimer**  
@GenderCareDrL



The Four Horsemen of the Testostapocalypse: Hungry, Hairy, Horny and Hot.

3:39 pm · 09 Oct 16



**Dr Stuart Lorimer**  
@GenderCareDrL



Following

Sitges fantastic and, as ever, I have sunny retirement fantasies. Would there be demand for a B&B&GIC just outside Barcelona? Hmmm...



**Dr Stuart Lorimer**  
@GenderCareDrL



Conversation about how my GenderCare patients are two thirds trans men.

Them: "So, what is it brings the guys to you?"

Me: "My milkshake?"

1:35 am · 15 Jan 17



**Dr Stuart Lorimer**  
@GenderCareDrL



Account of a GP discussing prescription of testosterone to a trans man: "I have to check it's legal".

9:52 p.m. · 12 May 17

2 RETWEETS 6 LIKES



**Dr Stuart Lorimer** @GenderC... · 36m  
Replying to @SophieDancerUK and 3 others  
The Little Book of Bollocks



**Dr Stuart Lorimer** @GenderCareDrL

THREAD

The day after Pride, I hear of a transmasculine person who's killed himself because he can't wait for gender services.

Those disrupting the march are, like US religious conservatives on abortion, more exercised by theoretical than actual suffering. 1/

4:36 PM - 11 Jul 2018 from [Lambeth, London](#)



**Epic Glitter** @EpicGlitterYay · 1d  
In the future, please consider trigger warnings for suicide on this type of tweet?

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**Dr Stuart Lorimer**  
@GenderCareDrL

Replying to @EpicGlitterYay

Point taken and noted for the future. My apologies.

12:44 am · 13 Jul 18

It's fair to say the decision to set up GenderCare, around seven years ago, wasn't an altruistic one.

Doctors have mortgages too, and my partner was on the verge of retirement. In the UK, the coalition government showed every sign of squeezing the NHS in what has turned out to be the longest public sector pay freeze for many decades. I was looking for ways to generate more income.



See also

**Appendix H:**

GenderCare: London private clinic with a winning business model

**Appendix I:**

Bridging hormones: Increasing number of UK GPs leery of prescribing treatment

## Mumsnet thread re recent Trans Activist Conference attended by Dr Ben Vincent and Dr Stuart Lorimer

### 1) Health Panel:

Chair was Dr Ben Vincent of GIRES.

Part of the discussion on this panel was around GPs reluctance to prescribe "bridging hormones". GPs are reluctant/afraid to prescribe them for liability reasons. Apparently a brand of T-Gel was withdrawn and GPs are reluctant to switch brands.

There was then a bit of chatter about whether a person's sex was relevant for healthcare stats.

Then there was discussion about trans children.

Dr Vincent was very scathing about GIDS-said there was disgusting and unethical practices. BV spoke about dispelling the myths about desistance and the myths of ROGD- BV called this "concern trolling, malicious and ethically bankrupt". BV would like a review of the whole system.

Then Dr Vincent said that they'd received a review copy of "Born in your own body" edited by Heather Brunskell-Evans and Michele Moore. BV is reviewing it for some Royal College and said "I will tear it a new arsehole"

Also (and they didn't want this tweeted) BV is also planning a book called Terf Wars which will be a "rigorous takedown of terf arguments" which is getting serialised as article in some peer reviewed journal- I'm sorry but I couldn't catch which one.

Dr Stuart Lorimer, of the Tavistock and Portman who was also a panellist- said that ROGD is "evidence free".

There was a great deal of discussion as to the health risks for transwomen taking certain brands of hormones- one person said they knew three other people who'd died taking them, and they'd nearly died as well.

A search of GenderCare into YouTube produces video upon video of young people recounting their appointment. These clients are predominantly young females (the cohort which could be considered 'risky' and experiencing Rapid Onset Gender Dysphoria. Is there an element of social contagion here?

I got an appointment w Dr Lorimer from gendercare, then he prescribed me T after the first appointment :)

12:07 a.m. · 11 Oct 17

@t[REDACTED]s if you go through gendercare, you can get T after 1 appointment for £220, so i'd get booking now you have the money!



Gendercare

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averyidk  
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Becoming Sam #5: Gendercare Appointment!  
TheSamThatIAm  
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- My first Gender Therapy appointment! (U...  
CallmeLaddie  
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Gendercare

- Uk ftm top surgery referral  
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- I have my T prescription!  
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transdancer  
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EthanIsTotallyAGuy  
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AsBlackAsCole  
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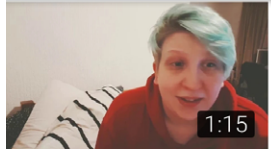
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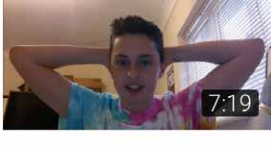
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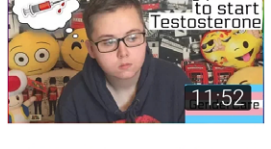
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**Watch Videos 3 and 4 on the penstick**