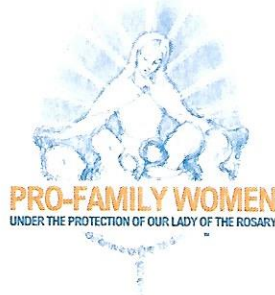


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Pro-Family Women Commends England’s National Health Service for Restricting Puberty Blockers for Adolescents

Recently, England’s National Health Service (NHS) issued new interim guidelines for the treatment of children and adolescents expressing gender incongruence. Recognizing that this may be a “transient phase,” the guidelines emphasize the need for a multidisciplinary approach that includes mental health services, stating: “A significant proportion of children and young people who are concerned about or distressed by issues of gender incongruence, experience co-existing mental health, neurodevelopmental and/or family or social complexities in their lives.”

Significantly, under the new guidelines, NHS England will only administer puberty blockers to adolescents in formal research settings.

In July, the *New York Times* [reported](#) that England’s adolescent gender clinic, Tavistock, “received more than 5,000 patient referrals in 2021, up from 250 in 2011. . . . When the clinic opened, it primarily served children who were assigned male at birth. Last year, two-thirds of its patients were assigned female at birth.”

Last Friday, Pro-Family Women, along with the Ethics and Public Policy Center’s Catholic Women’s Forum, and Concerned Women for America, [wrote](#) to President Biden that “a large number of other nations are putting the breaks on this discomfort to ‘transition’ pipeline because they are observing that this is not a solution.” Pro-Family Women today again renews the letter’s plea to the President “to take a stand for truth by abandoning these detrimental policies and use your bully pulpit to protect women and girls as well as to encourage them to cherish their female sex and to live their lives with their bodies fully intact.”

The multi-group letter to President Biden on behalf of women and girls can be found at <https://profamilywomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Multi-group-letter-to-President-Biden.pdf>

NHS England’s new interim guidelines can be found at <https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/specialised-commissioning/gender-dysphoria-services/>. An analysis of NHS England’s new guidelines by the Society for Evidence Based Gender Medicine can be found at <https://segm.org/England-ends-gender-affirming-care>

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