

**Submissions have been invited for:**

**“Report to the Human Rights Council on the realisation of the right of persons affected by violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, in relation to SDG3”**

**Deadline:**

7 February 2022 – kindly extended for LGB Alliance by office of SOGI

**Issued by:**

The Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity

**Purpose:**

To inform the Independent Expert's report to be presented to the 50<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council.

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*“The Independent Expert will explore how the human rights of people with diverse sexual orientations and gender identities can be incorporated into the national plans aimed at the realisation of the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, under the rubric of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 3).”*

*“This report will identify both the challenges associated with adopting such an integrated approach, as well as the good practices that have advanced the rights of all persons affected by violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, including but not limited to lesbian, gay, trans, bisexual, and intersex (LGTBI) persons and gender non-conforming (GNC) people.<sup>1</sup>”*  
<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/SexualOrientationGender/Pages/CFI-IE-SOGI-report-50thsession-HRC.aspx>

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## **INTRODUCTION**

**About LGB Alliance:**

LGB Alliance is a charity that represents the interests of a rapidly growing number of lesbian, gay and bisexual people worldwide – LGB people who have grave concerns about the loss of our rights. Specifically, we are concerned by moves to replace, in law and elsewhere, the category of “sex” with “gender identity”, “gender expression” or “sex characteristics”. Our main area of interest is the human rights of LGB people.

LGB Alliance was set up by long-time gay and lesbian activists who fought for many years to defend and promote the rights of people with same-sex sexual orientation. These hard-won rights are now under serious threat by the imposition of the views of a powerful minority, who have decided, without reference to LGB people, to form a new grouping of LGB, T, I and gender non-conforming (GNC) people.

## THE BASIC PREMISE OF THE REPORT IS FUNDAMENTALLY FLAWED

Our interest in the report of the IE SOGI on exploring the human rights of “people with diverse sexual orientations and gender identities” in relation to “the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, under the rubric of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 3)” is that the basic premise is wrong.

LGB Alliance works closely with trans people and those with differences of sexual development – who are sometime incorrectly called “intersex”. It is our experience that the health needs of trans people and those with differences of sexual development are separate and completely different. There is no medical justification to group these people with men and women who happen to be same-sex attracted.

The IE SOGI continues to promote a world view that is increasingly challenged around the world. Here are some examples of countries where clinicians are raising serious concerns about the medical treatment of gender non-conforming children:

USA

<https://www.economist.com/united-states/2021/10/16/opinion-on-the-use-of-puberty-blockers-in-america-is-turning>

AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND

<https://www.ranzcp.org/news-policy/policy-and-advocacy/position-statements/gender-dysphoria>

FINLAND

<https://www.webmd.com/children/news/20210427/transition-therapy-for-transgender-teens-drives-divide>

SWEDEN

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2020/feb/22/ssweden-teenage-transgender-row-dysphoria-diagnoses-soar>

The main health issue that IE SOGI should be concerned about is rooted in the regressive ideology that is now promoted at the UN: the view that a child may be born in the wrong body. This has created a medical scandal of huge proportions which will soon result in a flood of medical negligence claims. Right now there are 42,337 girls around the world fund raising for double mastectomies for no medical reason whatsoever – calling it “top surgery”.

<https://www.gofundme.com/s?q=top+surgery> The epidemic has been described in Abigail Shrier’s book – “Irreversible Damage: The Transgender Craze Seducing Our Daughters”

## LGB ALLIANCE RECOMMENDATION

- 1) **LGB, T and DSD must be treated as separate categories under SG3** . The health needs of LGB, trans and people with differences of sexual development are quite distinct. To group them together is medically indefensible.
- 2) **IE SOGI should address the damage done by encouraging people, especially children, that they can change sex.** This is directly responsible for the epidemic of children, two thirds of whom are girls, going for gender identity services. Of these girls, the vast majority are same-sex attracted – so we see the appalling display of “transing away the gay”. <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/bjpsych-bulletin/article/sex-gender-and-gender-identity-a-reevaluation-of-the-evidence/76A3DC54F3BD91E8D631B93397698B1A#> and <https://www.facebook.com/Channel4News/videos/children-have-been-very-seriously-damaged-by-nhs-gender-clinic-says-former-tavis/446438119734392/>