

SCHEDULE 2

REASONS FOR MAKING THIS ORDER

Adverse effects resulting from increased risk of fraudulent applications

10. The Secretary of State does not believe that the Bill retains or creates sufficient safeguards to mitigate the risk of fraudulent or malign applications and believes that the reformed system will be open to abuse and malicious actors. Adverse effects identified are of particular concern in relation to the operation of the 2010 Act provisions relating to sex-segregated spaces, services, competitive sports and occupational requirements. The Secretary of State considers there is a risk of people self-excluding from sex-segregated settings as a result of concern about the possibility of someone with malicious intent being able to obtain a gender recognition certificate.