

Template Letter

For May & June 2026

Remember to personalise your letter, personalising is important so that MPs don't ignore it. Share your experience about how the EHRC guidance has affected you. It can be helpful for real stories to bring understanding, your MP can also tell your story in parliament.

Find your MP: members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP

You can find Trans Legal Clinic's letter here: www.translegalclinic.com/post/how-to-contact-your-mp-about-the-ehrc-guidance

Invite your MP to the Mass Lobby from Trans Solidarity Alliance here: www.transsolidarityalliance.com/mass-lobby-2026

RE: Urgent: Full Parliamentary Scrutiny for new EHRC Code of Practice

Dear [your MP's name],

On Thursday 21st May the Women & Equalities Minister presented the updated EHRC Code of Practice for service providers and associations. I write to you today as this Code becomes statutory on June 30th unless it is rejected by parliament, I hope you will use your position to oppose this as soon as possible.

The guidance has produced deep distress for the trans community. I have found it extremely disappointing to see it encourage segregation for a minority group. The 340 page document presents a diversity of concerns, I particularly highlight these points:

- In practice the Code will effectively bring about a trans bathroom ban, and exclude those visibly gender non-conforming.
- It limits access for an already marginalised group from essential spaces, such as access to: healthcare, housing, women's groups, social care, domestic violence refuges, gyms and more.
- There is no mention of intersex or non-binary people, failing to account for nuance within biological sex, gender diversity or expression.
- It allows gynaecology wards to deny care from trans women who have undergone gender-reassignment surgery.
- It legitimises a policing of bodies, increasing the risk to all women and women's spaces.
- Service providers may choose to implement the Code by forcibly outing someone's identity, and breaching a trans person's right to privacy.
- It has a worrying impact the integrity of the Equality Act and the Gender Recognition Act.
- For example, the Code attempts to redefine lesbian and gay relationships, no longer protecting a trans woman and a cis woman in a relationship under the sexual orientation section of the Equality Act.
- It causes confusion for service users and providers which is likely to be an ongoing issue locally.

As a [trans person / ally / member of society] I feel [write about how this has made you feel and your experience]. It is guidance like this that has legitimised widespread hostility for trans people, and increased hate crime across the UK.

The 2025 published draft from the EHRC received a huge pushback through their public consultation. They obtained over 50,000 responses, an unprecedented number, which they were unable to fully process - nor were these responses published. This was the only part of the process where trans voices have been received, I believe the final Code shows they have not been listened to. Help my voice as a trans [person / ally] to be heard rather than ignored in a conversation about [my life / the life of someone I love].

Please demand full parliamentary debate so that our democratic system becomes a full part of this process. Use your power to: represent my voice to the government, pressure them to scrutinise this Code properly, and legislate to fix the disastrous position our equality law is in, following this Supreme Court decision and the implementation of this Code. Most importantly, to stand for what is right, protecting vulnerable communities from harm and not to allow our rights to be taken away behind locked doors.

[I will also be attending the mass lobby taking place on Wednesday 24th June between 1pm and 4pm. I have/will sent/send a formal invite to meet with you during this time, to discuss this matter further.]

Thank you for taking the time to read this email, I hope you will represent me as a constituent in parliament.

Yours sincerely,

[Your name]

[Your full address]