

A. Introduction

Trans Media Watch (TMW) wishes to make this additional submission to the Leveson Inquiry into press standards, ethics and culture. It follows the submission made by TMW to the Inquiry in January 2012¹, and the oral evidence given by Helen Belcher to the Inquiry on behalf of TMW on 8 February 2012.

In our original submission, TMW explained some of the various ways that the press uses to misrepresent the trans and intersex communities, including themes such as “trans as fraud”, “trans as undeserving” and “trans as deviant”. We feel it will be useful for the Inquiry to review the coverage of trans issues in the press, specifically but not exclusively from The Sun and the Mail newspapers, since 8 February.

In summary:

- The press has published two main stories featuring trans people over the past two weeks, both appearing on front pages. This is in addition to the standard low level coverage that trans issues get in the mainstream media.
- With both there are significant concerns over misrepresentation, with corresponding effects on public perception of the issues.
- With both there are significant concerns over placing vulnerable people, including innocent children, at risk of physical violence.

The key issue is the complete lack of respect shown to trans people. Far from mending their ways and reporting trans stories more sensitively, as claimed in person before the Inquiry², **the press has shown a distasteful rush to objectify and sensationalise these stories in a way that places real people in real danger.**

Appendix B shows that 34 articles have been published in the national press in the two and a half weeks between 9 and 25 February, significantly more than the average of 6.5 per week before then. We, in common with a large portion of the trans community, now believe that the significantly increased level of scrutiny given to trans issues by the press, and the increased prominence of coverage since 8 February is directly linked to Helen Belcher’s appearance before the Inquiry.

B. Background

Trans Man

A story about a trans man who had given birth broke in the national media on 12 February³. The Sun placed a request for information into their article. The effect was that hundreds of trans men across the country became fearful of being outed. Our previous submission made clear reference to the damage that is often caused by such outings.

¹ <http://www.levesoninquiry.org.uk/hearing/2012-02-08pm/>

² <http://www.levesoninquiry.org.uk/hearing/2012-02-07pm/>

³ <http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article4124499.ece>

Caroline Lucas MP tabled an Early Day Motion⁴ in the House of Commons on 20 February condemning The Sun for their actions. TMW's correspondence with the Press Complaints Commission (PCC) indicated that they shared our concerns over some perceived major breaches of the Editors' Code, specifically in terms of privacy, discrimination and protection of children.

The Mail published an opinion piece by Bel Mooney on 14 February⁵. One trans man who had given birth (hereinafter referenced as 'B') was partially identified by the Mail on Sunday in front page news on 19 February⁶, despite him not wanting any coverage.

Trans Child

A story about a child who had been diagnosed with gender dysphoria at an early age (hereinafter referenced as 'Z') broke in the national media on 20 February. This made front page news in The Sun under the heading "**Boy, 5, who lives as girl**"⁷. The Daily Mail⁸ published Z's birth certificate – and the family were clearly identified, together with information about Z's school. TMW's communications with the PCC indicated they were also concerned about the publication of Z's birth certificate. The story was widely reported across the press, and articles often allowed comments from the public. This showed an alarming level of misunderstanding and abuse, including posts that could be interpreted as death threats.

The Mail published four further pieces related to this story, on 21 February⁹, 22 February¹⁰, 25 February¹¹, and 26 February¹². The 21 February article was written by a medical doctor, and while he demonstrated a limited understanding of gender issues, he did question whether details of a child should be made public in this way. The 25 February article was based on the premise that gender dysphoria never afflicts young children.

Dominic Mohan stated to the Inquiry on 9 January 2012 "*I do believe that the Sun can be a real powerful force for good*"¹³. On 6 February Paul Dacre answered "Yes" to the question "*Some would say that the Daily Mail's world view ... propounds the virtues of family life, of traditional matrimony and traditional values. (a) Is that fair, and (b), if it is, if someone's morality doesn't fit into that pattern, is it something you would feel free to comment on and, if necessary, criticise?*"¹⁴

⁴ <http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2010-12/2733>

⁵ <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-2100764/Thomas-Beatie-baby-lm-liberal--man-giving-birth-freakish-pale.html>

⁶ <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2103157/Britains-male-mum-speaks-My-mother-told-Id-good-mummy-I-said-No-ill-good-daddy.html>

⁷ <http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/4142485/Boy-5-who-lives-as-a-girl.html>

⁸ <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2103686/Boy-5-lives-life-GIRL-youngest-diagnosed-NHS-Gender-Identity-Disorder.html>

⁹ <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-2104248/As-Zach-Avery-5-youngest-child-diagnosed-Gender-Identity-Disorder-just-boy-girl.html>

¹⁰ <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-2104567/Pity-poor-Zach-year-old-victim-politically-correct-gender-identity-industry.html>

¹¹ <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2106215/Mixed-year-olds-alarming-growth-gender-identity-industry.html>

¹² <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2106681/Zach-Avery-Jill-Recknell-grandmother-gender-neutral-boy-speaks-torment.html>

¹³ <http://www.levesoninquiry.org.uk/hearing/2012-01-09pm/>

¹⁴ <http://www.levesoninquiry.org.uk/hearing/2012-01-06pm/>

C. Misrepresentation

In both occasions, the press concentrated on the sensational part of the story at the expense of any real, background information to place it in any kind of context. This is further evidence of Polly Toynbee’s recent claim in the Guardian that journalists “*are hired to do their masters' bidding, even when that can mean spreading disinformation and disregarding evidence*”¹⁵.

Trans Man

Trans men have given birth for years¹⁶. Research¹⁷ has shown that children who grow up with their trans parents are generally very well adjusted and have few behavioural problems. The real danger to children is family breakup, something which the prevailing culture in the UK, reinforced by press coverage, sadly makes all too common when a trans parent starts to transition.

Underlying B’s story is a theme that trans people are not “real” unless they choose to conform to gender stereotypes – as demonstrated by Bel Mooney’s use of the terms “*freakish*” and “*revolting*”. In this case the press has created then played on a sense of disgust which essentially reduces someone to the status of their genitals. Having created an environment where the press constantly talks about “sex swap” and “sex change” (despite the protestations of most of the trans community) it then sets up a straw man argument about how these “changes” are somehow flawed. When trans men have the chance to present their own viewpoints¹⁸, outlining the sacrifices made and the rationale behind their decisions, any public disgust frequently disappears.

It may be useful here to reference Dominic Mohan’s evidence to the Inquiry on 7 February, where he stated “*there was another example last year where we had a piece about a transsexual operation which had taken place on a child's 16th birth and I actually received a letter of thanks from the head of the Mermaids charity who praised the way that we'd reported that. So I think we've improved -- we've raised our [game] in terms of transgender reporting.*”¹⁹

The communication Dominic Mohan references would have been sent by Susie Green, chair of Mermaids. Ms Green sent TMW a copy of her email, where she writes “*The only part that we were not keen on was the headline as it included the words Sex Swap, but in the article itself, Jackie was treated with compassion and respect, female pronouns were used at all times and at no point was she referred to as male in any way. This was excellent, and was also reflected in the very positive online comments from members of the public.*”

However, after quoting the original email Ms Green adds, with reference to the article of 12 February, the good coverage by the journalist in the original article “*does not, however, give them the right to conduct a witch hunt and justify it by saying how well they did before. Totally disgusted with their conduct.*”

¹⁵ <http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/feb/23/sun-on-sunday-rupert-murdoch>

¹⁶ Gender Trap, Chris Johnson and Cathy Brown, published 1982 (<http://www.amazon.co.uk/Gender-Trap-Autobiography-Transsexual-Parents/dp/0906071542>)

¹⁷ Transsexual’s Children, Richard Green. <http://www.symposium.com/ijt/ijt0601.htm>

¹⁸ <http://ralphfrancisfox.tumblr.com/post/17684983756>

¹⁹ <http://www.levesoninquiry.org.uk/hearing/2012-02-07pm/>

Trans Child

As stated in TMW's previous submission, the median age of trans people being aware that they are different is 7. Many trans people state that they were aware of their gender identity at the ages of 3 and 4. Studies indicate that gender awareness often starts at around 18 months²⁰. So the proposal that a child can be aware of their gender identity at the age of 3 is not unknown or improbable, contrary to the theme presented in the press.

The articles about Z were often written in such a way as to indicate an immediate and irrevocable change based on her fascination with a female cartoon character. The reality is likely to be very different, involving obvious distress, months of counselling, and a recognition that Z may change her mind.

It is also clear from many comments that the treatment currently being offered is completely misunderstood, with many references to surgery. If Z's dysphoria continues, it is possible that she will be offered fully reversible hormone blockers as puberty starts. No surgical decisions will be made until Z is deemed to have reached an age of maturity – this will typically be around 18. The effects of the hormone blockers are completely reversible²¹ as has been known for many years in the treatment of, for example, precocious puberty, in contrast to what was alleged in the Mail article of 25 February. However, it is clear that many commentators assumed that surgery on a 5-year-old was actively being contemplated or had already been completed.

D. Safety

The irony of The Sun complaining about the intrusion into their working practices²² and then **on the same day** calling for intrusion into the private lives of trans men is not lost on the trans community.

The publication of details relating to children is particularly problematic. In B's case, the baby is not complicit in any aspect of this story, yet B believes he is easily identified by the details published, and now feels substantially more vulnerable than he did in the months before the articles were published. In short, he believes that **the press have significantly increased the risk of danger to him and his child**. The Mail on Sunday requested B provide further details until the PCC intervened.

Earlier in the submission we stated that Z had been clearly identified, together with the school she was attending. We also stated that there had been published threats that could be interpreted as vicious and hateful. It is TMW's view that the prominence given to Z's story has greatly increased the risk of violent crime against the family and, potentially, the primary school she attends.

TMW recognises that many more children report gender variant episodes than turn out to be trans. However, when a child expresses a strong level of distress about their gender, severe psychological issues can result if left untreated²³. It is entirely possible that Z may decide as she grows older that she wishes to revert to being a boy. If that scenario does arise, the level of press exposure is likely to make that decision far harder to take. There is significant concern about giving someone this young

²⁰ <http://social.jrank.org/pages/272/Gender-Role-Development.html>

²¹ <http://www.endo-society.org/guidelines/final/upload/Endocrine-Treatment-of-Transsexual-Persons.pdf> and <http://www.endocrinetoday.com/view.aspx?rid=92635>

²² <http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/4124870/The-Suns-Trevor-Kavanagh-Witch-hunt-puts-us-behind-ex-Soviet-states-on-Press-freedom.html>

²³ <http://www.gires.org.uk/dysphoria.php>

so much exposure, especially when they are vulnerable. Paradoxically this is concern that the press has also expressed, but their rush to publish seems to be paramount.

In our previous submission we referenced our research that indicated that around 34% of trans people had attempted suicide at some point. This is in line with other surveys – a US-based survey in 2010 indicating a rate of 41%²⁴. It is worth noting that the suicide rates when trans people are placed on suitable courses of treatment reduce to the national average. An article that calls into question treatment options for trans people on unsubstantiated grounds is increasing the likelihood that vulnerable and desperate people will attempt suicide.

In particular, with children who show distress around their gender identity, the parents are usually very worried about the behaviour of their children. The Tavistock Clinic's own data²⁵ points to around 23% of children aged 12 and over referred to them had previously engaged in self-harming behaviour. The Mail's reporter provided GIRES with the information that, following the clinic's treatments, this rate had reduced to 1%, well below the national average of 7%. By seeking to discredit the non-interventionist approach of the Tavistock Clinic, is the Mail seriously saying that these parents and children should not have expertise acquired over many years available to them?

In both these cases the press deemed the safety of innocent children to be unimportant while giving opportunity for people, informed only by press stereotyping, to make vicious judgements.

The “monstering” of trans people generally, as outlined in the previous section, also significantly increases the risk of violence towards trans and intersex people, or indeed anyone who deviates sufficiently from “gender norms” to have their identity called into question. This is vicious behaviour with a potentially vicious result.

E. Press Rationale

TMW believes that the “public interest” defence mounted by the press does not excuse the stress caused or the damage done to the lives of others not connected to the stories. It is clear from comments made by Mr Dinsmore²⁶ that The Sun (at least) believes that the primary right is the right of free speech, no matter what damage it does to people not directly connected with the story. It also seems clear that he believes in the stereotypical image of trans people his paper reinforces to the general public.

With regards to B's case, B has told TMW that he made one statement to the reporter who had doorstepped him, but the rest of the quotes were lifted from postings he had made on the internet. The article was written as though it had his full co-operation. It did not. In finding comments on the internet by B, the reporters must have viewed many other posts that indicated that the situation was not unique, and was also significantly more nuanced than they chose to ultimately present.

Of significant concern is the apparent attitude of the Mail in particular to science in general. Research over the past 20 or 30 years has consistently shown that gender identity is fixed at an early

²⁴ http://transequality.org/PDFs/Executive_Summary.pdf

²⁵ Di Ceglie, D., Freedman, D., McPherson, S., & Richardson, P. (2002). Children and adolescents referred to a specialist gender identity development service: clinical features and demographic characteristics. *International Journal of Transgenderism* 6 (1), http://www.symposion.com/ijt/ijtvo06no01_01.htm

²⁶ <http://janefae.wordpress.com/2012/02/16/news-feed-the-sun-responds-over-trans-man-story-exclusive-interview-with-managing-editor/>

age, and that the triadic treatment path (psychotherapy, endocrine and surgical) has been proven to have an extremely high success rate²⁷ - and trying to use psychotherapeutic effects to dissuade trans people from transitioning (*aka* reparative therapy) has a very poor success rate.

Yet the Mail continues to publish opinion articles questioning the use of public funds²⁸, and reinforcing the idea of a self-serving “industry” that encourages transsexualism²⁹. It has no scientific basis for doing this, preferring instead to posit its articles on a sense of outrage and so-called “common sense”. It points to statistics such as the increasing number of children being referred to the Tavistock Clinic, completely ignoring the oft-reported childhood experiences of thousands of trans people in their 40s, 50s and older. The three opinion pieces published by the Mail on 14 February, 22 February and 25 February **all** fit this mould. Nowhere is there any alternative proven treatment proposed, and nowhere is there any acknowledgement of the ability of trans people to successfully contribute to society following current treatment protocols³⁰.

In the article of 25 February, there also is a conflation between transsexualism and some unspecified, perceived risk when questioning the validity of the workshops run by Gendered Intelligence. Secondary school teachers can be as young as 22. The Mail’s statement is a clear insinuation that trans people are, somehow, dangerous in a way that other people are not.

Even when an article does attempt to debunk the media’s stereotypical viewpoint³¹, the comments indicate that the damage has already been done.

This press behaviour also runs completely counter to the spirit, if not the letter, of the Editors’ Code which is supposed to prevent discrimination against people on the grounds of gender identity. **This is “monstering” of trans people**, pure and simple.

It is TMW’s view that, when attempting to shape or frame an argument about public policy, the press has a responsibility to report the issues accurately and fairly. The Editors’ Code only allows these articles to be challenged through the PCC if there is inaccuracy. The voices of the few trans people brave enough to post to online comment pages have been drowned out in a torrent of abuse and vitriol. **There is no effective right of reply.**

While the trans community feels under the spotlight particularly since 12 February, it should be borne in mind that, **given the lack of any substantive basis for the behaviour of the press, any vulnerable and marginalised minority could also fall victim to this level of misrepresentation with similar lack of redress in the future.**

Helen Belcher
Trans Media Watch
28 February 2012

²⁷ <http://www.religioustolerance.org/transsexu23.htm> references a variety of studies where the “regret” rate is reported at levels between 0.1% and 3.8%. Some commentators with a religious background seem to claim higher regret rates but these claims are unsubstantiated. This is compared to regret rates of around 19% for those who underwent prostate surgery as part of cancer treatment -

²⁸ <http://www.europeanurology.com/article/S0302-2838%2808%2900764-1/abstract>

²⁹ <http://janefae.wordpress.com/2012/02/19/outing-ttranz-issues-of-privacy-and-public-interest/>

³⁰ <http://janefae.wordpress.com/2012/02/24/trans-awareness-why-thank-you-lord-dacre/>

³¹ <http://ai.eecs.umich.edu/people/conway/TSSuccesses/TSSuccesses.html>

³¹ <http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/feb/23/gender-dysphoria-tyranny-of-normal>

Appendix A – Sample Articles

This appendix contains screengrabs of parts of some of the articles referenced in the main part of the document.

The Sun, 12 February 2012

The concern with this article is the call for information, which made many trans men fear being outed.

The screenshot shows the front page of The Sun newspaper's website. At the top left is the 'THE Sun' logo. To its right is a Google Chrome browser interface with a 'Download Google Chrome' button. Below the logo is a navigation menu with categories like HOME, NEWS, SPORT, and WOMAN. The main headline reads: **Man becomes first in the UK to give birth to baby**, with a sub-headline: **Born a woman, now HE is a mum**. Below the headline is a large photograph of a smiling man holding a baby. To the right of the main article are several smaller news snippets, including 'Sign our petition to kick out vile Gatada', 'Jailed Putin' clip gets 3m views in 72 hours', and 'England kit's history after just eight games'. At the bottom right, there is a 'Galaxy' advertisement with a 'Find out more' button and a list of news items.

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Baby bump ... American pioneer Thomas Beatie hugs first child Susan - while pregnant with No2

By DAN SALES

Last Updated: 1st February 2012

A PROUD dad was yesterday revealed to be the first MAN in Britain to give birth.

He is only the fourth person in the world officially classed as male to have had a baby.

The man, in his 30s, was born female but underwent sex-swap surgery later in life. Despite the operations, he still had a womb and was able to get pregnant.

The unnamed man was said to be from the West Midlands and in a long-term relationship.

Last night an expert confirmed that the case — four years after American Thomas Beatie became the world's first-ever pregnant man — was "unique" here.

Joanna Darrell, speaking on behalf of transgender support group The Beaumont Society, said: "As far as we know there is only him."

Guidance

She told how the man gave birth to a boy last year after seeking guidance from the society about getting pregnant.

The organisation referred him to charity the Gender Identity Research and Education Society.

Despite going under the knife to become a man he had asked surgeons not to remove his womb — as is usually the case in such ops.

It meant his woman's reproductive system could be reactivated using treatment with female hormones.

Joanna said: "He got back in touch about six months ago to thank the society for its help. He said he had had the baby."

The boy is believed to have been delivered in a Caesarean op — although medics said that a natural birth could still have been possible.

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority yesterday refused to disclose if it knew about the birth.

myView

BY CAROL COOPER
Sun Doctor

TO hear of something like this is extremely unusual — and it is really a very remarkable achievement.

This case would be very similar to the one in America involving Thomas Beatie.

I would think the baby would have been delivered by Caesarean section if the man had undergone gender reassignment surgery.

The pregnancy itself would have been fraught with problems.

There would have been a lot of hormones going around the body. The oestrogen to reactivate the man's womb would have been at odds with what he was given as part of the sex change.

Naturally, to get pregnant you need the eggs to meet the sperm and grow into a baby.

If the womb is still there it is perfectly possible.

But the delivery of the baby is likely to have been very difficult.

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Eggs

But a spokesman conceded it may have given advice on the procedure.

Beatie, 38, from Arizona, made headlines around the world in 2008.

He gave birth to a healthy daughter — then went on to have two more kids, both boys.

Gedis Grudinskas, editor of Reproductive Biomedicine Online, said: "There is no medical reason why you could not use oestrogen to make the womb receptive.

"You would obtain donor eggs to be fertilised by donor sperm."

In 2010 Beatie's fellow American Scott Moore, from California, also gave birth.

He too had undergone transgender surgery.

And just six weeks ago a pregnant Israeli — 24-year-old Yuval Topper — was reported to have had a healthy baby boy.

d.sales@the-sun.co.uk

> I may be pregnant by my

10 minutes ago

TOWIE star Lauren Goddiger's salon firebombed

ESSEX starts store in flames 24 hours after



Fury over catwalk model aged just 14

A FASHION designer risks fury by putting a model aged just 14 on the



Old man who lived in shed leaves £68k to his local church

SCRUFFY John Young left thousands to parish



Cap found dead after his child porn arrest

FORMER head of Gloucestershire Police's child abuse unit John Skilling found dead at



Million youngsters hit by unemployment

JOBLESS rate soars to 16% high — with ONE IN FIVE young people falling



Horror of cats cooked in hell's KIT-chans

MAN charged with skinning feline pets alive before cooking and eating



Judge orders Hulme and ex-wife into dock

MP Chris Hulme and ex-wife Vicky Pryce barely looked at each other in



Charles has a REET idea to crack crisis

PRINCE launches scheme to help tackle rising youth unemployment rates



800 jobs are going at Virgin and Dyson

NEW places at airline and vacuum cleaner firm amid UK unemployment crisis



with alcoholic nuns

NEWBORN died of neglect after social services left him with his homeless



Killer snake bit me Down Under!

BRIT bitten in the testicles while answering a call of nature in the Aussie bush



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Royal journalist James Whitaker dies at 71

FLEET Street legend was nicknamed The Big Red



The Mail, 14 February 2012

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I'm a liberal - but a man giving birth is freakish and beyond the pale

By BEL MOONEY

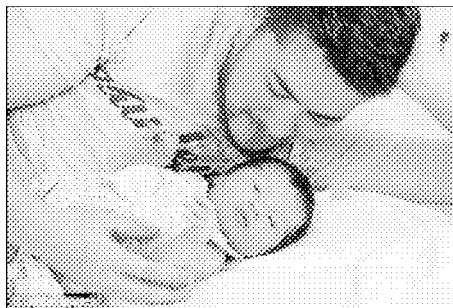
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A good few years ago, a controversial advertisement showed a vulnerable-looking young guy in a sweater, looking worried above his heavily pregnant belly.

Designed to make men take responsibility for contraception, it was powerful because the image was totally bizarre. You couldn't begin to imagine a man with a child growing inside him — could you?

Now, the outlandish fantasy dreamed up by copywriters has become a reality.



Thomas Beattie, from Bend in Oregon, who was born a woman, is pictured with daughter Susan after getting pregnant three times despite living as a man.

In 2008, an American called Thomas Beattie made international headlines when he became the first man to give birth. He has a wife who was unable to conceive and, as a former woman who'd had a sex change, he was able to inject his own womb with donor sperm and have a baby — three times.

This week, it was reported that a British man, who was once a woman, has given birth, too.

- The ex-woman, Beattie, had to sleep in a 100lb (45kg) bed.
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Is there a partner? Will the baby have two parents? Who donated the sperm? At the moment, we don't know. But whatever the circumstances, this is a very important ethical issue, indeed.

Should a 'man' have a baby? I believe that most people will answer a resounding 'No'.

We are used to the wonders of science. It seems that it isn't, after all, very complicated for a 'man' to get pregnant — if, having had his/her gender reassigned, he/she has left the womb in place.

Anyone with sensitivity should be able to understand there are some people — a tiny minority — who are unfortunate enough to feel profoundly unhappy within the gender that nature gave them.

They can feel so lost and disturbed that they go to great lengths (often very bravely) to have a sex change. But I can't help wondering why a woman who wants to be a man would leave her womb in place and functioning.

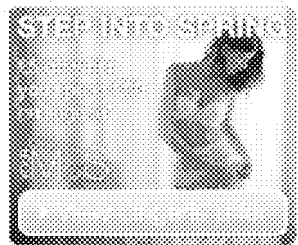
And why would you then indulge your wish to reproduce in such a way that your original decision to change gender is called into question? It sounds like a case of having your cake and eating it.



Would you be more careful if it was you that got pregnant?

Controversial 1953 Family Planning Association advert of a pregnant man has now become a reality.

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THE NEWS

Skating the edge: Amanda Holden's three-week-old daughter, Mollie, takes centre stage. Treading the boards already.

New figures: how many did Little Mix's Jade Thirlwall receive? Ruby Red Heart's 10th birthday: did she ask out to become a film-hailed pop princess?

Harry: Harry goes public with new love Lisa, who is the daughter of a younger (but richer) version of ex-Davey's brother. But is she funny?

My big fat Gypsy rejection: The singer and girlfriend have a child but live separate lives. Kaylee will 'never be accepted' by Martin's family.

The man who took NERF gun: A 10-year-old boy is charged after firing a Nerf gun at a police officer in a park. What are the chances?

My, how you've grown! Taddler and Taddler's parents are 13 years old but their beauty queen makeover... with terrifying results.

It's not dead (photos): Coco (her) is back to back without any help from an all-brush. The girl has confidence.

The confession of George Clooney: 'I'm lonely, I can't sleep and I used to be a soul-searching interview with The Hollywood Reporter.'

Leanne: Designer picks on a brave face as she surmounts the damage after 2011's debut launch. Aesth attack just 24 hours after launch.

Leanne: Designer picks on a brave face as she surmounts the damage after 2011's debut launch. Aesth attack just 24 hours after launch. But co-hosts Tim Lovejoy and Simon Rimmer are getting new show.

Pregnant Ladies Meet Pregnant Women Seeking Love. Find Glowing Dates. Join Free Now!
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[http://www.braingames.com](#)

Make Him Addicted To You 9 Magic Words You Must Say To Make Him Fall Deeply In Love.
[http://www.magicwords.com](#)

The fertility experts are telling us that the mechanics of the 'man' giving birth are quite simple: womb, egg and donor sperm. Bingo!

Another child can be brought into the world without anyone considering the damage such an abnormal beginning could have on that child's future welfare. Another child facing a future of questions, confusion and potential psychological disturbance.

Another child conceived because an adult believed there is a divine right to have a baby — no matter who you are, what gender, what age, where you live, what your marital state is, what your income and whether you have the mental and emotional qualifications for giving the child the best possible life.

Some may say: 'So what?' But we, as a society, have to care. The birth of a child does not happen in isolation. Each family unit (no matter how small) is a part of the whole.

Similarly, each shift in what we expect and accept has a ripple effect on the welfare of society — just as the Chinese philosophers believed that the flutter of a butterfly's wings here causes a storm

benefit that the flutter of a butterfly's wings here causes a storm over there.

Sometimes, removing stigma and taboo can seem to represent an advance in tolerance as well as human rights. Yet we also know (to our cost) how the pushing back of boundaries leaves us with little to shore up the very fabric of our civilisation.

Regular readers of my Saturday advice column in the Mail will know me to be a very tolerant person, with an understanding of human needs and weakness.

Since I mostly see life in shades of grey, I tend to give people the benefit of the doubt. But that does not mean their needs and weaknesses shouldn't always be examined and questioned.

And I believe this latest example of the wilful human assumption that we can all do exactly what we like challenges the most basic beliefs about what is 'normal' and what will contribute to the greater good.

Why am I so unsettled by a news-paper picture of American Thomas Beattie hugging his tiny daughter Susan, while displaying a vast abdomen pregnant with his next child?

Most people will surely regard this as just plain weird — even revolting. This is not prejudice. Such a reaction speaks from an innate feeling about men and women, their roles, family life — about what is 'natural'.

The truth is that our deeply held assumptions about normality are the yardstick by which we measure how people act. Just as we talk about 'freak' snow in May, we regard a mother who is cruel to her child to be abnormal. Norms are the bedrock; they give us stability.

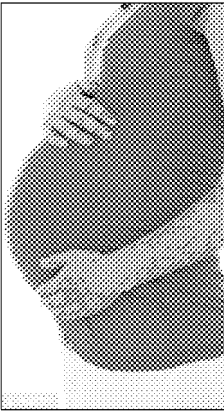
Yes, certain people will always rebel against them, and scientists will (rightly) always attempt to break new ground — by cloning sheep, for example. IVF (which may well have helped this man/woman to have a baby) has given countless married couples the chance of happiness with a much-wanted child.

The fear of 'tampering with nature' is meaningless when we consider medical advances. Yet, all such advances must always be subject to ethical scrutiny.

The fact that something is biologically possible doesn't make it good. Does a woman in her 60s have the 'right' to have a child? Does a man/woman have the 'right' to bear a child who will find out one day that it grew in Daddy's tummy and, therefore, Daddy is really 'Mummy'?

Though increasing numbers of children are brought up in mixed and 'melded' families, there are some situations that will always cause **unease**.

Even Elton John has confessed he is worried that the son who makes him (and partner David Furnish) happy could later be stigmatised because he has two daddies, one of them famous. Already he is concerned about how he will tell the child where he came from.



Mr Mooney argues that just because pregnancy is biologically possible doesn't always make it the right thing to do

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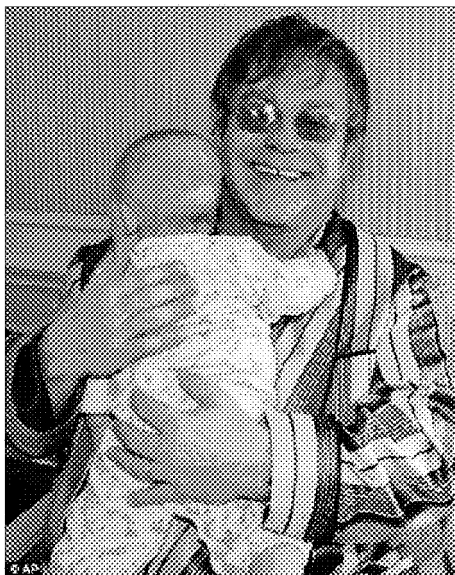


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Singer Elton John has admitted he is concerned that his son Zachary could face discrimination for having two fathers

I think Elton John is brave and right to be so honest. He has realised that these ethical and emotional issues are never easy. Indeed, when the welfare of a child is involved they pose almost impossible conundrums.

Two years ago, The Children's Society published results of a two-year inquiry called A Good Childhood. It concluded that children do best when brought up by two parents with 'a long-term commitment' to each other and that the children of separated parents are 50 per cent more likely to do badly at school and suffer from anxiety and depression.

No one can argue with such findings — which echo those of the 2006 report by the independent think-tank Institute for Public Policy Research as well as many other studies. Surely they are also common sense — which means, after all, the innate feelings we hold in common.

Though the Labour Party has done its best to brainwash us into believing that all forms of family life are equally good, the truth is that children like to have a mum and a dad with distinct, loving roles, who stay together. Children long to be 'normal'.

The Children's Society report also made the crucial point that 'rampant individualism' in society has eaten away at personal responsibility and any sense of the common good. Isn't that at the heart of this issue of whether it's right for a man to give birth?

Those who have no problem with the idea will probably say that if the child is born to a stable couple (as in the American case), then what does it matter?

Well, it matters because other children can be cruel. Because most teenagers suffer crises of identity, and the idea of a 14-year-old discovering Daddy is really Mummy is bound to cause stress.

It matters because mature adults must accept that having a child is far more than a fulfilment of personal wishes and no one (not even a man with a womb) can 'have it all'.

And it matters because the welfare of adults and children alike depends on a collective acceptance of what is proper, fitting and right. Which is why most of us will regard the freakish idea of a 'man' giving birth as simply beyond the pale.

The premise of the article is concern for the child, being brought into the world in such an “unnatural” family situation. Yet there are many single fathers, who would be appalled at the insinuation that they are improperly equipped to bring up children.

Bel Mooney writes, when referencing a picture of Thomas Beatie, “*most people will regard this as just plain weird – even revolting. This is not prejudice*”.

“**prejudice:** 1. a preconceived opinion”³²

Note also the references to “*man/woman*”. The report³³ from the Christian charity, the Children's Society, does indeed reference that children do best when the parents make a long-term commitment, but at the

³² The Concise Oxford Dictionary, 1995

³³ <http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-we-do/research/initiatives/good-childhood-inquiry/recommendations-inquiry>

time this story was published, no information about the man was available, other than it was believed he was in a long-term relationship.

The Sun, 20 February 2012

This article was on the front page with the headline “*Boy, 5, who lives as a girl*”. Senior and well-known broadcast journalists have questioned why this is news, let alone front page news. The headline misgenders the child.

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Zach is a boy aged 5 but lives as a girl

Lad diagnosed by NHS with Gender Identity Disorder

On swing ... Zach, here pictured with mum Theresa is a girl trapped in a boy's body

By NEIL MILLARD

February 20, 2012

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A CHILD aged five has been told by doctors that he is really a little GIRL - trapped in a boy's body.

Zach Avery has been convinced for years he wasn't supposed to be male.

Now proudly sporting blond pigtails and a purple tutu, he has been living as a girl for more than a year.

His mum Theresa, 52, said: "He just turned round to me one day when he was three and said 'Mummy, I'm a girl'.

"I assumed he was just going through a phase and just left it at that.

"But then it got serious and he would become upset if anyone referred to him as a boy."

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Gender swap ... Zach with mum Theresa

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His Gender Identity Disorder (GID) first manifested itself when he was three and he refused to continue living as a boy.

Zach used to love Thomas the Tank Engine but suddenly decided he wanted to live as a girl in late 2010.

He became obsessed with the girly kids' TV character Dora the Explorer and started dressing in girls' clothes.

Theresa admits missing her little boy and says she wants to raise awareness about the disorder.

The mum-of-four hopes Zach's story will also help other families living with the same experience and let them know there is support available.

She said: "I would love to have my son back, but I want him to be happy. If this is the route he wants to take - if this is what makes him happy - then so be it. I would rather him have my full support.

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Boy, 5, lives his life as a GIRL after becoming one of the youngest ever to be diagnosed on the NHS with 'Gender Identity Disorder'

- Zach Avery, 5, refused to live as a boy when he was just THREE
- He now wears a tutu and puts his hair in pigtails
- Primary school has renamed the toilets 'unisex' for him

By CHARLES WALFORD

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A five-year-old who felt he was a girl trapped in a boy's body has become one of the youngest-ever children to be diagnosed with Gender Identity Disorder.

From the age of three Zach Avery, from Purfleet, Essex, refused to live as a boy, instead choosing to wear pink dresses and ribbons in his long blonde hair. He also became obsessed with the girly children's TV character Dora the Explorer.

Parents Theresa and Darren Avery, 41, became worried by Zach's behaviour and took him to the doctor.

After numerous consultations and observations, he was last year officially diagnosed by NHS specialists with Gender Identity Disorder, making Zach – then aged four – one of the youngest affected children in the UK.



Zachy Avery, pictured as he dresses now, was last year officially diagnosed with Gender Identity Disorder at the age of four



Zach, at the age of four, before he began growing his hair into the pigtails he now prefers

With his blonde pigtails and purple tutu, Zachy, as he is affectionately known, has been living as a girl for more than a year.

The primary school he attends in Essex has even changed the children's toilets to gender-neutral Unisex in support of Zach since his diagnosis.

More...

- See why doctors first thought he was autistic, before being told he was a girl
- Read how the 2012 show 'Trans: A Story of Gender' inspired Zach's parents by the age of two
- Discovering hundreds of teenagers and young adults are being treated by doctors for the same thing

His mother, Theresa Avery, 32, said Zach used to be a 'normal' little boy who loved Thomas the Tank Engine, but suddenly at the end of 2010, he started behaving like a girl.

The mother-of-four said: 'He just turned round to me one day when he was three and said, "Mummy, I'm a girl". I assumed he was just going through a phase and just left it at that.

But then it got serious and he would become upset if anyone referred to him as a boy.

'He used to cry and try to cut off his willy out of frustration.'

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Zach (right) with his mother Theresa, father Darren and brother Alex. His family have said he has their full support

The specialists explained to them that gender identity disorder is a conflict between a person's actual physical gender and the gender with which that person identifies.

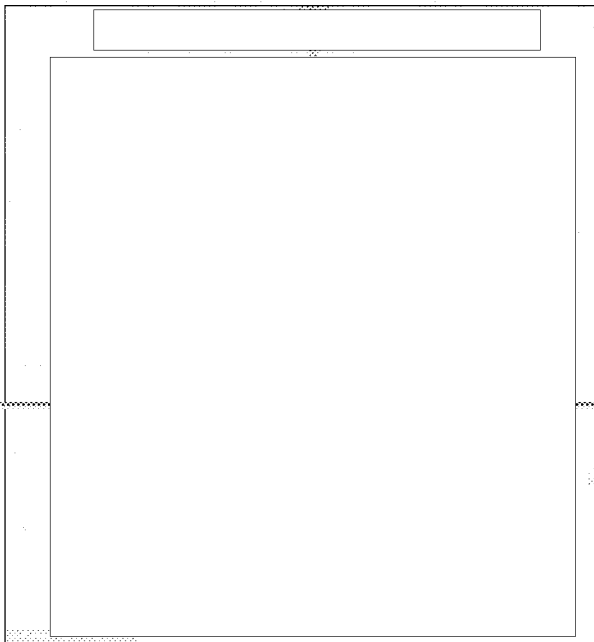
Mrs Avery said: 'They told us that although he had a male body, his brain was telling him he was a girl.'

And Zach's school - Purfleet Primary in Essex - has even turned its toilet block gender-neutral to support him.

Mrs Avery added: 'They have changed the toilets for Key Stage 1 pupils into Unisex instead of male/female and they address him as a girl, which is what he wants.'

When he gets a bit older, to Key Stage 2, then obviously the law changes and there will be more difficulties surrounding the bathroom issue, but we'll cross that bridge when we come to it - it may be that Zach will use the staff toilets.

We explained to the other kids at the school that Zach's body was that of a boy but in his brain he was a girl. We said Zach was just happier being a girl than a boy.



Zach's birth certificate registers him as male - but he has been officially diagnosed with GID

But the other kids haven't batted an eyelid, they've accepted Zach as Zach and there's been no problems at the school with bullying.

'The school has been brilliant and really, really supportive.'

When he goes to school, Zach wears a girl's trouser uniform and black boots with pink trim, which his mother said is female but still neutral.

And she said that although she misses her little boy, the family is very supportive of Zachy.

Mrs Avery said: 'He just wants to be like a little girl and he's very happy with his long blonde hair, pink and red bedroom and a wardrobe full of girls' clothes.'

He likes playing with his sister's old toys but he still loves Dr Who too and playing with his brother. And we still put some neutral clothes in his wardrobe if he ever decides he wants to wear them.

We leave it up to him to decide what he wants to do - if he changes his mind and wants to be a boy again then he does, but if he doesn't, he doesn't.

She admitted: 'I would love to have my son back, but I want him to be happy. If this is the route he wants to take - if this is what makes him happy - then so be it. I would rather him have my full support.'

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The diagnosis, Gender Identity Disorder, is placed in quotes. Zach's birth certificate is reprinted in full. (TMW respectfully requests that this part of the image is redacted in any published evidence.) The child is misgendered throughout the article, starting with the headline. As well as her full name, date and place of birth, the article names the primary school she attends.

The Mail, 22 February 2012

This article should be read in conjunction with the information that had already been placed into the public domain by the Mail itself, including the facts that Zach was distressed enough to consider self-harm, and that the mother had stated that she missed her little boy. Notice also the article uses the pronoun “it” when referring to the trans man who had given birth.

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Pity poor Zach, a five-year-old victim of the politically correct gender identity industry

By CAROL BARLER

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Once upon a time, a little boy called Zach Avery lived with his parents in a flat in Essex and had his very own bedroom. One day, when Zach was four, he watched a television cartoon about an adventurous eight-year-old girl who likes wearing pink — and instantly fell in love.

Her name was Dora the Explorer, and Zach decided that he wanted to be just like her, which meant — as he announced to his mummy — that from now on, he would be a girl. So he grew his blond hair, pulled it into bunches and wore lots of pink and a purple tutu.

Then his daddy laughed, ruffled his hair and wondered to himself when he'd buy the boy his first football shirt, his mummy smiled fondly, and in the end Zach grew up perfectly normally.



Public spectacle: Zachy Avery decided he wanted to live as a girl when he was three, and was last year officially diagnosed with Gender Identity Disorder.

The end? If only. What his parents did, instead, was turn their perfectly happy little boy into a public spectacle.

No matter that he is probably just going through a phase, as young children tend to do. Darren and Theresa Avery decided that although their son was barely five, medical intervention was required. They duly set off to see their doctor who, in turn, sent them for specialist 'help'.

Unfortunately, Zach ended up in the hands of the controversial Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust in London, which specialises in Gender Identity Disorder, otherwise known as GID.

According to Government figures released last year, the number of children aged between six and 16 diagnosed with ADHD — which essentially means they find it hard to concentrate in class — now stands at 330,000.

Since 1997, there has been a sevenfold rise in prescriptions for Ritalin, the powerful drug used to combat it. In other words, parents — and doctors — have gone mad in their attempts to 'treat' their children from this very modern malady.



Relish: Zach with his mother, Theresa, outside Purfleet Primary School, which has made its toilets 'gender-neutral'

Anyway, the Tavistock diagnosed little Zach as having GID — well, of course it did; that validates their job — giving young Zach the dubious status of being one of its youngest-ever sufferers. And before you could say sequin, the show was on the road.

Next stop was Zach's school, Purfleet Primary, which seized upon this radical new challenge with relish.

They applied themselves, first, to what Theresa Avery coyly calls 'the bathroom issue' and created a 'gender-neutral' toilet. You may wonder whether a school rated as 'inadequate' last year — the worst rating Ofsted can give — might have better things to do with its resources: than provide a special to for a boy who likes to wear dresses.

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... from the BBC and a school that gave him a 'gender-neutral' to.

But then they also made plans for the future, saying that when Zach is bigger he can use the staff toilets — not much chance of this child blending in, then — before calling all the other pupils to attention to explain that 'Zach's body is that of a boy, but in his brain he is a girl'. Let me repeat: Zach is five years old.

Now, I don't suppose many of us have to wander far down memory lane to remember the dozens of little Zachs we all knew. They were those irritating boys who created havoc in their mothers' or sisters' wardrobes: long silk dresses ripped to useless where the far-too-big stilettos had caught the hems; eye pencils snapped from being sneakily applied with an amateur hand.

There were, too, the equally irritating girls we called tomboys: hair hacked into crew-cuts; skirts and dresses stubbornly rejected — at least until puberty struck and they discovered make-up and boys.



Best: Zach's parents, Theresa and Garren, are negotiating an arrangement with a tabloid newspaper

Sadly, no such biding of time for poor Zach, no chance given for a phase to pass.

Even as I write, Zach's father is negotiating a five-figure sum with a tabloid to tell the whole story.

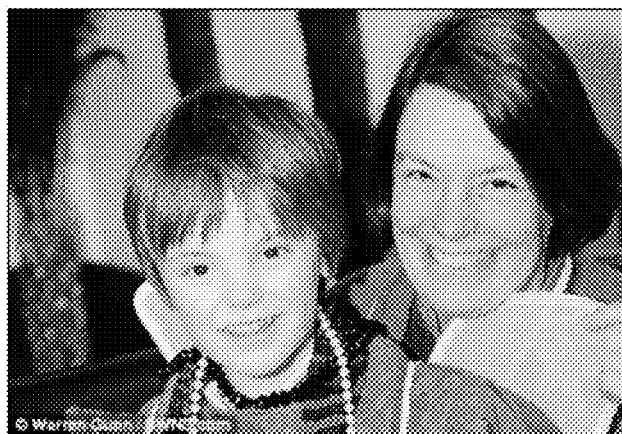
Thus far, considering the involvement of the doctor, the specialist and the school, it would be hard to count the cost to the state. But I fear it would be as nothing compared to the cost to Zach.

Stories like his do not, of course, happen in isolation. Even a single generation ago, it is doubtful his parents would have taken the first step towards the GP's surgery.

Nasty parents would have clipped his ear, softie ones would have let him be, and I dare say most would have affected a compromise: a pair of unisex dungarees, maybe, teamed with a pink top.

These days, 'gender identity' has become one of the fashionable syndromes of our time and, in the hands of the politically correct, one of the latest social tyrannies, to which we must all pay heed.

'Trapped in the wrong body' has been said so often that it has slipped into public consciousness in such a way that it is now beyond the pale to question it.



Choice: Sasha Laxton's parents kept his sex a secret until the age of five

We've been dogged the 'needs' of the transsexual adult so hard that we no longer dare to ask why, unlike with almost all other cosmetic surgery, they have their operations on the NHS.

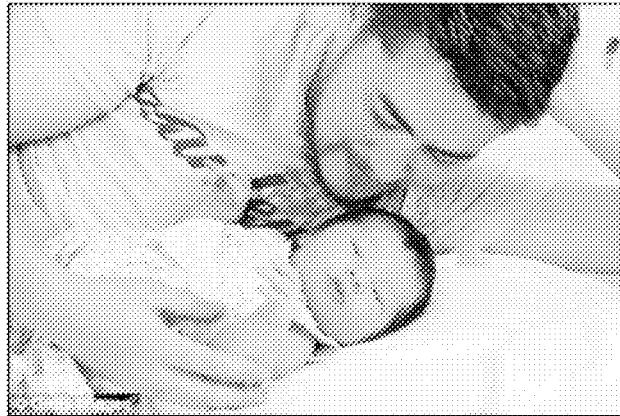
In a single decade between 2000 and 2010, the number of such sex-change operations carried out on the NHS tripled — costing around €10,000 a time.

Only last month, we read about the British couple who kept their child's sex a secret until he was five, so he would be free to 'choose' whether to be a boy or a girl — as if such a choice were a real possibility.

And last week, we were treated to the woman-who-became-a-man and then gave birth, and no one said what I'll wager most thought: if it had a baby, it's not a man — it's a woman with a moustache.

Stories like these are increasingly common. Some deserve our support, others our pity, others our disbelief. Put them all together and you create a social backdrop against which it appears that the 'experts' are increasingly able to take what was once considered a human quirk and officially diagnose it as a catalogued syndrome.

Take the Tavistock and the number of cases of children being diagnosed with GID. In 2009/2010, it had 97 referrals, in 2010/2011 that shot up to 139, and in 2011/2012 they have had 165. So far.



'Male' mother: American transsexual Thomas Beatie with his daughter, Susan, to whom he gave birth.

I'm sorry Zach Avery thinks he'd rather have been born a girl; it's a hard way to learn that you can't always get what you want.

But I'm far sorer that he is surrounded by adults, including his own parents, who think that makes him a suitable case for diagnosis instead of just being allowed to grow up and work things out for himself.

If it were up to me, I'd make these misguided parents stop the nonsense and tell the so-called experts to pipe down.

But if Zach's parents can't resist the lure of cashing in on their story, I hope they spend the money on shiny little tutus to keep their son happy, one in every colour of the rainbow.

That, in the end, is the only good that can come of this.

The Mail, 25 February 2012

The second opinion piece on this story in three days has a clear agenda, and develops the themes presented in the article dated 22 February.

There is a fixation on money, quoting funding costs for the clinic and also some charities – with a presumed implication that this is a waste of public resources. Also note, at the end, the plea to “common sense” and positioning the treatment offered as political correctness. Dr Zucker is one of very few psychiatrists working in this field who does not believe that gender dysphoria has some roots in physiology. The idea that Gender Identity Disorder has only been known for 20 years is laughable. Many trans people prefer the term “Gender Dysphoria”, but transsexualism has been classified in some way by medicine for over a hundred years³⁴.

³⁴ <http://zagria.blogspot.com/2009/05/magnus-hirschfeld-edward-wood-and.html>, “In Hirschfeld’s *Die Transvestiten*, 1910, the word he uses for what we might call transsexualism is ‘Geschlechtsuebergaenge’, which would literally be a sexual over-going. This word is translated as ‘transsexual’ in Michael Lombardi-Nash’s 1991 English translation of *Die Transvestiten*.”

Mixed-up five-year-olds and the alarming growth of the gender identity industry: 20 years ago the condition didn't exist. Now British children are being puberty suppressing drugs on the NHS

By PAUL BRACCHI

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The Tavistock Clinic is based in an anonymous concrete building in North London. Once there, you have to go to the third floor to find the Orwellian-sounding Gender identity Development Unit.

The unit received £1,042,000 in funding last year from the local healthcare Trust. In layman's terms, it treats patients who believe they are 'trapped in the wrong body'.

Few would associate such a place with children barely old enough to attend school.

But it emerged this week that a little boy called Zach Avery, just five years old, now wears his hair permanently in bunches after being assessed by 'experts' at the Tavistock and 'coming out' as a girl.

And Zach is not an isolated case.



Confused? For more than a year little Zach Avery, five, has refused to live as a boy, instead choosing to wear pink dresses and ribbons in his long, blonde hair

Over the past year, 165 children have been referred to the clinic's team of social workers, child psychotherapists, psychologists and psychiatrists

Seven children under the age of five were officially diagnosed with Gender Identity Disorder (GID) — when a person is born one gender, but feels they are the other

Now, some might ask whether it's not Zach but his parents who need counselling for allowing him to go down this path — when even his grandparents believe he is 'just going through a phase'

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Victoria's secret? New evidence shows Queen Victoria married her Scottish groom and bore him a daughter, who was spirited to America

The research supports their view. According to the Tavistock's own figures, up to 80 per cent of youngsters who think they are the wrong sex will change their minds upon reaching adolescence.

Nevertheless, a clinical trial is currently underway at the Tavistock which involves prescribing children from around the age of 12 with drugs to suspend puberty, thus preventing — so the theory goes — the mental anguish caused by the maturing of sex organs and changes in the voice.

It also makes it easier for them to have gender-changing surgery, should they so wish, when they are older.

Previously, children had to wait until they were 18 to get hormone-blocking injections in Britain, because, apart from anything else, the effects on brain development, bone growth and fertility are still unknown.

Nevertheless, 500 children have already begun receiving the medication, with the consent of their families, effectively reducing them to a state of 'biological neutrality' during the course of the treatment. Others are expected to join the trial.

Why did the National Research Ethics Service, the body responsible for sanctioning such studies, give the go-ahead after initially refusing permission? We can't tell you because it declined to elaborate on its decision.

What we can say about youngsters such as Zach Avery, from Purfleet, Essex, is that 20 years ago their condition — if that's what it is — didn't exist.

Gender Identity Disorder was first identified as a syndrome by the American Psychiatric Association back in the Nineties. With the rise of the internet, it quickly gained currency on this side of the Atlantic, and elsewhere.



Sorry saga: Zach's parents have been advised by 'experts' that he 'come out' as a girl

Typing the words 'Gender Identity Disorder' into Google brings up more than one million results. There are 125 support groups for transgender people in Britain alone.

At least four are specifically aimed at young children and teenagers. Zach's mother, Theresa, it seems, read about one of them in a magazine and answered an advert for the organisation.

'That's when all this started,' says Zach's grandmother, Christine Avery, who lives in Clacton. 'All this' being the sorry saga of a boy who enjoyed dressing up in girls' clothes ending up on the third floor of the Tavistock Clinic.

Until shortly before his fourth birthday in December 2010, Zachy, as his mother calls him, was just a normal little boy.

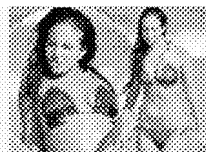
Suddenly, it seems, he became obsessed with the children's TV character Dora the Explorer, began wearing female clothes and stopped playing with his Thomas The Tank Engine. Then, one day he announced: 'Mummy, I'm a girl.'

Mrs Avery, 32, and husband Darren, 41, became increasingly worried about their son's behaviour and took him to see the doctor. Eventually, he was referred to the Tavistock.

▶ Peter, whose time back to native Australia after brother Andrew is diagnosed with stomach cancer. Said was 'a long road ahead'



▶ The girl next door! Tulisa shows Miami conventions of size zero and bleached blonde hair to parade her curvaceous bikini body



▶ Push in beauty: Victoria Beckham to a class act in a sultry black dress and unusual peep toe shoes

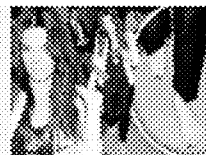


▶ She was at a pre-David bash for Brits

▶ Time for bed: Cameron Diaz looks exhausted after partying with Colin Firth at pre-Oscar bash. Save some energy for tomorrow!



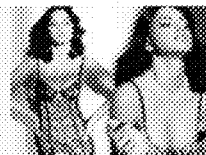
▶ The shoe must go on: Selena Gomez's strapless outfit of Oscar party. Usually pristine star ditched her killer heels



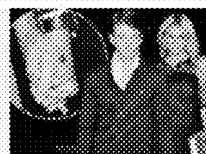
▶ Jennifer Aniston mixes it up in a pair of tight leather trousers as she takes puppy love on Leno



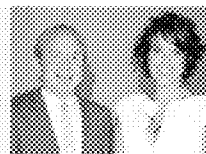
▶ Adriana Lima tells her bedroom eyes in sitting New Victoria's Secret campaign Supermodel, 30, showcases her figure in black & white lingerie



▶ The new DC: Will lovebirds? Billie MacKinnon and Tom Hilkey get closer on romantic date night as they step out holding hands



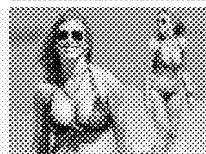
▶ Apprentice partner Victoria Beckham quits Lord Sugar's business empire. 31-year-old is expecting her second child



▶ 'Her voice was 100% back!': New behind-the-scenes footage shows a happy and healthy Whitney Houston on set of her film Spanglish



▶ Not a convincing camouflage: TV presenter Jill Martin struggles to contain herself in print bikini. The 35-year-old was in Miami



▶ Three little miscreants: Max, Harvey and Lucas



His school, Purfleet Primary, was subsequently informed that Zach would be coming to class as a girl. Teachers allowed him to come to class in a girl's trouser uniform and black boots with pink trim.

The lavatory block was made 'gender neutral' to accommodate his needs (the school say the decision to refurbish the toilets was taken before Zach's change).

Behind Zach's story is the inexorable rise of a new industry which, subsidised largely by the taxpayer, is touching practically every aspect of public policy in Britain. Those diagnosed with Gender Identity Disorder, for example, can be prioritised by local councils for housing as 'vulnerable' people.

Prominent among its campaign groups is the Gender Identity Research and Education Society (GIRES), created in 1997, to 'transform attitudes in society to anyone who has undergone a gender change.'

It has provided 'policy advice' to the NHS, the Association of Chief Police Officers, the Crown Prosecution Service, the Department for Children, Schools and Families, and the Home Office, which awarded the charity a contract to develop a 'tool kit' to help schools combat 'transphobic bullying'.

In 2010, GIRES received Government funding of £35,115. The founders, Surrey couple Bernard and Terry Reed, whose adult daughter is a transexual, were honoured with OBEs in the same year.

The charity claims that around one per cent of adults in Britain (based on their own report) — roughly the population of Sheffield — experience some 'degree of gender variation' and, on that basis, a typical primary school of 300 children would have three transgendered pupils, although they may not be 'out'.

Bi-monthly meetings of a trans-youth group, held at the Central School of Speech and Drama, near the Tavistock unit, are advertised on the GIRES website.

The sessions, according to the blurb, will cover: 'how to come out to friends, family members and school and work peers; improve your mental wellbeing; sex and relationships and educating those around us.' What age group are they aimed at? Answer: '13 to 25-year-old transpeople.'

The organisers are not from GIRES, but yet another group, called Gendered Intelligence.

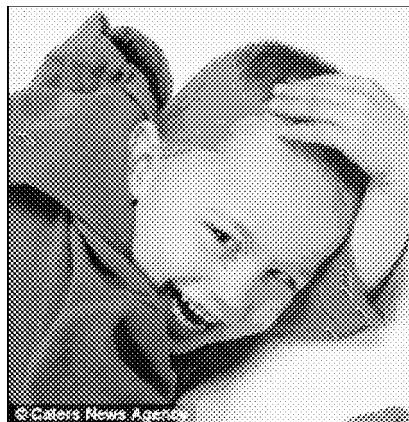
One of this group's directors is Mark Jennett, a national adviser on the government's National Healthy Schools programme — an initiative launched more than a decade ago to 'promote the link between good health, behaviour and achievement through physical activity, social and health education and emotional health and well-being.'



Deal: Zach's parents, Theresa and Darren, are negotiating an arrangement with a tabloid newspaper

Some might ask whether it's wise to allow vulnerable 13-year-olds to attend 'sessions' with 25-year-old transsexuals.

We can't answer that because no one from Gendered Intelligence returned our calls. What can be revealed, however, is that Gendered Intelligence relies on a £50,000 grant from the equalities and human rights commission quango.

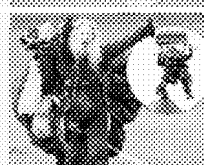


Phase?: Do Zach's parents need counselling for allowing him to go down this path, even though his grandparents believe he is 'just going through a phase'?

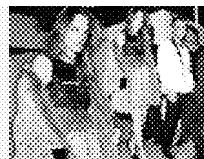
Udell, born at 25 weeks, are most premature triplets to have survived in Britain



The only way is gravity: TOMIE's Lydia Bright watches as mother Debbie Douglas skydives for charity. Debbie does tandem dive



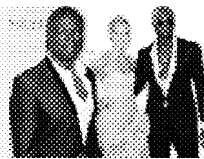
Supermodel, super bump! Alessandra Ambrosio's animal print minidress shows off her growing pregnancy figure at pre-Oscar party



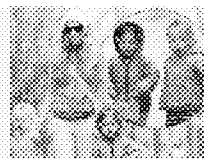
Sheer lunacy! Miley Cyrus tries to run in long see-through skirt and paper flip flops. The 19-year-old had just left a nail salon



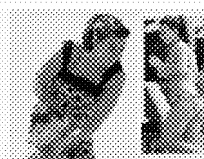
'I couldn't act like a monk and take a vow of silence'. Seal defends publicly discussing his split from Heidi Klum



Pretty in their plaid PARKERS! Sarah Jessica's twins wear similar raincoats during outing with their mother. Marion and Tabitha were in Manhattan



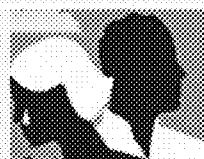
Back to Barbados for Coleen... just a month after Miami jaunt. Ms Rooney takes her family on yet another holiday to the Caribbean island



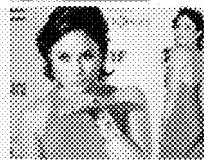
Bonjour boys! Kate Winslet gives the Oscar Awards a bit of 'ouch to ouch' in her low-cut gown. The actress was not shy in showing off her cleavage



Our sports hero's wife has turned him against us. BEL MOONEY hears one woman's nastiness has taken its toll



Another alert! Vanessa Hudgens wears the red carpet in a bright orange dress. Pouts and poses at Women in Film pre-Oscar party



A royal watch! Glamorous Prince Edward and Sophie wear gothic-inspired outfits as they attend Barbados state dinner



Has Mark Wahlberg spilt the Oscars? Actor predicts several winners after admitting he has 'inside information'



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Examine now the story of another boy, called Sasha, from Cambridgeshire. Sasha's parents are Beck Laxton, 46, and Kieran Cooper, 44, a computer software designer.

From the moment he was born, they were at pains not to lumber their son with the stereotyping they feared gender brings. So they simply called him the 'infant' and kept his gender a secret from all but a few close friends.

He was encouraged to play with dolls as much as Lego, slept in a neutral yellow room and was allowed to wear both boy's and girl's clothes. On the family Christmas card two years ago, Sasha was dressed in fairy wings, a pink tutu and ballet pumps.

Miss Laxton describes going to her first mother-and-baby group in detail on her internet diary. When fellow parents in the group asked if Sasha was a boy or a girl, she replied: 'I'm not going to tell you.'

She recalls: 'I discovered later that I'd been described as "that loony woman" and I could never persuade anyone in the group to come round for coffee. They thought I was mental.'

And what about the Tavistock? According to its website, its aims — if you can decipher the jargon — to 'foster recognition and non-judgemental acceptance of gender identity problems'; 'to ameliorate [improve] associated behavioural, emotional and relationship difficulties' and 'encourage exploration of the mind-body relationship by promoting close collaboration among professionals in different specialities.'

The centre, part of the Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust, is run by Dr Domenico di Ceglie, a child psychiatrist, and Dr Polly Carmichael, a consultant clinical psychologist. Children with gender identity problems are referred here from all over the UK.



Choice: Sasha Laxton's parents kept his sex a secret until the age of five

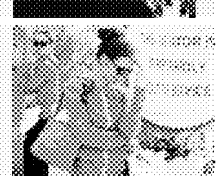
It received 97 such referrals in 2009/2010; 139 in 2010/2011 and, as we have already said, 165 thus far this year. There are now plans, we have been told, to open a second unit in Leeds. We cannot confirm this because the clinic declined to answer any of our questions.

One doctor who did, however, was Professor Russell Viner, a hormone specialist at University College London's Institute of Child Health.

He is the specialist who has been treating the children — some as young as 12, remember — taking part in the clinical trial at the Tavistock unit. His comments are refreshingly candid, though not, some may think, reassuring.

'The worry is that reversible treatments [such as hormone blocking drugs] can sometimes have irreversible effects,' he says.

▶ Can't you read? Katie Holmes waits for ages for gym elevator... despite standing in front of a sign explaining it's not working



▶ Finally Imogen Thomas covers up on a date with her new man... but still can't resist attracting attention in head-to-toe pink



▶ Well at least he's being safe! Zac Efron drops condom on the red carpet at The Love premiere. Quoted sheepishly and mouthed 'Oh my God'



▶ Worthing too hard? Rihanna's partying seems to have caught up with her as she hits recording studio looking drained



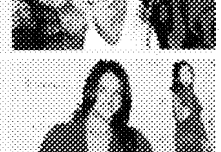
▶ She trips her hair braid! Willow Smith continues to change her look as she eyes her next big picture. Picture caption reads: 'Nerds Rule'



▶ May guess! Michelle Rodriguez shows off her sexy Latin looks in plunging red dress at People's Impact Awards



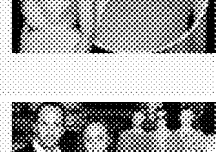
▶ One's like a peck-a-poo dress! Gary Lineker's wife had a slight mishap with her floor-length ball gown at a charity event. She still looked stunning



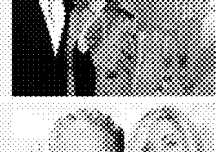
▶ Oh, here's a thing, one-ling... what? Stella McCartney on the job offer from Tom Ford (that he denies) and her first flop



▶ Five years younger for \$45? Bold promise of celebrity super-serum sees it sell out just 20 hours after its launch. Frenzy surrounds Hyaluron



▶ Legs that go on for miles and miles! Newly-single Delta Goodrem shows off a very impressive pair of legs



'If you suppress puberty for three years the bones do not get any stronger at a time when they should be, and we really don't know what suppressing puberty does to your brain development. We are dealing with unknowns.

'We counsel children and parents beforehand about how much is unknown. Part of what they are signing up to is that they accept the risks. We talk about the risk to the bones and brain development, but the treatment will also almost certainly reduce the patient's fertility. It does not remove their chance of having a child but it will impair it.'

Puberty-suppressing drugs are given to children in the U.S. but their use has fiercely divided medical opinion. Those who favour them say they reduce rates of suicide and self-harm.

Dr Kenneth Zucker, a world authority in this field, runs a specialist children's gender clinic in Toronto. He is opposed to them.

He told me: 'Suppose you saw a black kid who came into your clinic and wanted to be white. Wouldn't you try to understand what is happening in the child's life that is making him feel like that? You certainly wouldn't recommend skin-bleaching.'

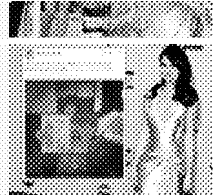
He believes Gender Identity Disorder is the product of nurture, not nature — the result of 'a dysfunctional family or cultural background.'

Another expert, Dr Jack Drescher, Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry at New York Medical College, put it like this: 'The most responsible approach, it seems to me, is to watch and wait to see where the child eventually ends up.'

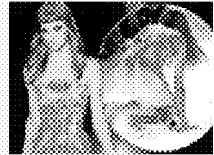
Is this is the voice of common sense — not political correctness?

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▶ 'She's my girl crush!'
Selena Gomez reveals that she's a big fan of New Girl actress Zooey Deschanel. Posted a picture of herself



▶ How a catwalk tumble can boost your career
Lindsey Wixson, who tripped in last Versace show, reappears as Donatella's grand finale



▶ Fresh faced and dressed down
Angelina Jolie ditches the glamour for Oscar rehearsal. Looks like she's handing out Adapted Screenplay



▶ Pictured: The woman who stole the show



Appendix B – Articles Referencing Trans

This appendix lists all headlines with source and date for all stories relating to trans or intersex issues published by the press on the internet or elsewhere from 1 November 2011 to 25 February 2012 that Trans Media Watch is aware of. It should be noted that a lot of November's stories were previews or reviews of the Channel 4 series "*My Transsexual Summer*", which will artificially inflate the coverage figures for weeks 46 and 47.

Headline on internet article	Paper	Date of Story
Chantelle Houghton 'calls Katie Price a transvestite bitch'	Digital Spy	1 Nov 2011
Grayson Perry on teddy bears, transvestites and the art world	Radio Times	1 Nov 2011
Michelle had guts to become who she was	Lichfield Mercury	1 Nov 2011
'Ex fiancé cheating with a transsexual was my most humiliating moment ever', admits Kelly Osbourne	Daily Mail	2 Nov 2011
How Barry the bounder failed the fork test...	Daily Mail	2 Nov 2011
What's it really like to change gender?	Daily Telegraph	6 Nov 2011
My Transsexual Summer	Radio Times	6 Nov 2011
My Transsexual Summer, True Blood, Coal and Death In Paradise: TV Picks	Metro	7 Nov 2011
My Transsexual Summer: a new view of gender	Guardian	7 Nov 2011
TV review: My Transsexual Summer; Sorority Girls; and Imagine ... Simon and Garfunkel: the Harmony Game	Guardian	8 Nov 2011
My Transsexual Summer is a tongue-in-cheek look into sex change	Metro	8 Nov 2011
My Transsexual Summer – C4, 10pm	Mirror	8 Nov 2011
BIG BROTHER 2011: JAY MCKRAY'S SHOCK SEX CONFESSION	Daily Star	8 Nov 2011
Spot the new girl! Europe's first transsexual MP takes her seat in Polish parliament	Daily Mail	8 Nov 2011
Sittingbourne family's fury at NHS plan to fund killer's sex change	East Kent Gazette	9 Nov 2011
Anna Grodzka, first transsexual MP in Poland, welcomed to parliament	Metro	9 Nov 2011
Television: Life's Too Short My Transsexual Summer Rev	Scotsman	9 Nov 2011
Sittingbourne family fight killer's sex change	BBC News Online	10 Nov 2011
Lady Gaga's new video still prompts further sex change speculation	Mirror	12 Nov 2011
Sex swap at 69: Meet the oldest person in Britain to have full sex change	Mirror	13 Nov 2011
Will Afghanistan learn that cross-dressers are not criminals?	Guardian	13 Nov 2011
'He should have been hanged'	Kent Online	14 Nov 2011
Pensioner, 69, becomes oldest person to have a sex swap on the NHS	Daily Mail	14 Nov 2011
My Transsexual Summer - C4, 10pm	Mirror	15 Nov 2011
My Transsexual Summer, Him and Her and James May's Man Lab: TV picks	Metro	15 Nov 2011
Family of sex-change killer Robert Page tell of their anguish	East Kent Gazette	16 Nov 2011
Grayson Perry's holiday heaven and hell	Telegraph	17 Nov 2011
'I was completely ignorant': Kelly Osbourne finally apologises for her anti-transsexual rant	Daily Mail	19 Nov 2011
MORE victims come forward after bogus transgender doctor 'injected cement and glue into patients' buttocks'	Daily Mail	22 Nov 2011

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Transgender woman 'flashed her breasts at DMV staff after they refused to change her gender from male to female on license'	Daily Mail	22 Nov 2011
My Transsexual Summer and Don't Tell the Bride: Tuesday's TV picks	Metro	22 Nov 2011
'This man doesn't represent our community': Warren Beatty's transgender son brands Chaz Bono a misogynist	Daily Mail	27 Nov 2011
ARTICLE REMOVED, PRESUMABLY ON COMPLAINT TO PCC	Daily Mail	27 Nov 2011
'Please, I haven't committed a crime': Afghan transvestite forced to undress on camera for the amusement of police	Daily Mail	27 Nov 2011
TV Highlights 29/11/11	Guardian	29 Nov 2011
From Jack to Jackie: 'Why I had sex change at 16'	Yorkshire Evening Post	30 Nov 2011
Crossing over: Transsexual model Lea T. lands first commercial magazine cover	Daily Mail	1 Dec 2011
BANNED POLITICALLY INCORRECT CHRISTMAS CRACKER JOKES	Daily Star	1 Dec 2011
Male sex workers in Cameroon face social stigma and poor access to care	Guardian	1 Dec 2011
'Why should I hide, I'm proud of myself': Teen who had world's youngest sex change op at 16 reveals she has a boyfriend	Daily Mail	2 Dec 2011
Khloe Kardashian sued by transgender model who claims reality star 'beat her up'	Daily Mail	3 Dec 2011
Strauss-Kahn was stopped by police in Paris park notorious for transvestite prostitutes, admits French interior minister	Daily Mail	4 Dec 2011
Transgender and disabled murders to incur far harsher hate-crime penalty	Guardian	8 Dec 2011
Transsexual assaulter is jailed	Jewish Chronicle	8 Dec 2011
Macy's employee fired after refusing to allow transgender shopper to use the women's fitting room	Daily Mail	8 Dec 2011
Transsexual reveals how he's spent £200,000 in 12 years transforming himself into a real-life Barbie... thanks to a few rich boyfriends	Daily Mail	8 Dec 2011
MURDER SENTENCE TO DOUBLE IF THE VICTIM HAS HAD A SEX-SWAP	Express	9 Dec 2011
Transgender lessons for pupils aged five: Classes will 'overload children with adult issues', say critics	Daily Mail	9 Dec 2011
Transgender zealots who ignore the true victims	Daily Mail	10 Dec 2011
How a Bond girl inspired Welshman to start a new life - as Debbie	Wales Online	11 Dec 2011
Perry: Art becomes significant because of its maker	BBC Hardtalk	12 Dec 2011
Trial of Cricklewood transsexual accused of murdering cross-dressing lawyer due to start today	London 24	12 Dec 2011
Sex change passenger admits pushing cross-dressing lawyer under Tube	Daily Mail	12 Dec 2011
BBC apology after Gerry Anderson plays 'explicit' Chisty Moore song	Belfast Telegraph	14 Dec 2011
Sex-change traffic warden in tribunal fight with police	Daily Record	17 Dec 2011
Dorchester student sets up support group to help lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender teenagers	Dorset Echo	19 Dec 2011
Audrey Roberts' Coronation Street collapse	Hertfordshire Mercury	20 Dec 2011
It's over: Chaz Bono and Jennifer Elia call off engagement after 12 years together	Daily Mail	20 Dec 2011

Born twin boys, now they're brother and sister: How Wyatt, 14, became Nicole... and sibling Jonas loves the new girl in the family	Daily Mail	21 Dec 2011
Girls Scout troops in Louisiana disband to protest at seven-year-old transgender child being able to join troop in Colorado	Daily Mail	22 Dec 2011
Man jailed for killing Sonia Burgess at King's Cross station	BBC News	22 Dec 2011
Channel 4 to air two Alternative Christmas Messages	Guardian	22 Dec 2011
Man who pushed solicitor under tube train jailed for life	Guardian	22 Dec 2011
Warren Beatty and Annette Bening's 'brave' transgender son joins in a special family dinner	Daily Mail	22 Dec 2011
Transsexual who pushed cross-dresser under Tube train jailed for life	Mirror	23 Dec 2011
Pictured for the first time: The transgender killer who pushed cross-dressing lawyer under a tube train	Daily Mail	23 Dec 2011
LIFE FOR SEX-SWAP TUBE KILLER	Daily Express	23 Dec 2011
Man shoots dead prostitute on Christmas Eve after finding out 'she' was a man	Daily Mail	27 Dec 2011
Mother's shock as long-lost daughter turns up after 14 years and reveals she is now a MAN	Daily Mail	27 Dec 2011
Transsexual builder who had £10,000 sex change to sue health bosses for refusing her breast implants on the NHS	Daily Mail	28 Dec 2011
Transsexual who impersonated Katie Price facing jail	Mirror	28 Dec 2011
Mother of transgender teen hopes to start campaign to beat prejudice	Derby Telegraph	28 Dec 2011
Sleaford sex change teenager admits charges over Katie Price ID fraud	Lincolnshire Echo	29 Dec 2011
Changing times as pools get a splashing new look	Cambridge Times	30 Dec 2011
Operation Sex Swap	The Sun	31 Dec 2011
A warm welcome to the Lady Party	The Times	31 Dec 2011
You have to be very careful who you murder these days	Spectator	31 Dec 2011
Spain's first gay retirement home passes its first hurdle	Guardian	2 Jan 2012
7ft Lindsey set to be world's tallest transsexual	The Sun	3 Jan 2012
Company accused of being 'outrageously transphobic' over tampon ad that 'says transgender people are not real women'	Daily Mail	3 Jan 2012
At 7ft tall, basketball star Greg is now Lindsey... the world's tallest transsexual	Daily Mail	4 Jan 2012
Ladyboy airline flights take off in Thailand	Telegraph	4 Jan 2012
Transgender Americans take on New York	BBC News Online (Magazine)	5 Jan 2012
Zoologger: Transgender fish perform reverse sex flip	New Scientist	6 Jan 2012
Beth's a picture of happiness after misery of living as a man	Derby Telegraph	6 Jan 2012
What to do when a transgender man needs his pap smear? More OB/GYNs become transgender friendly as awareness grows	Daily Mail	6 Jan 2012
Reopened Parkside pool caters for city's transgender community	Cambridge First	7 Jan 2012
Hemingway's Boat by Paul Hendrickson – review	Guardian	8 Jan 2012
Couple marry for the second time...after husband has a sex swap	Mirror	8 Jan 2012
You may now kiss the brides: Couple renew their marriage vows - after husband changes sex	Daily Mail	9 Jan 2012
'I'm saving up to buy a penis': Chaz Bono wants the added appendage to complete his sex change	Daily Mail	9 Jan 2012

Couple marry again after sex change	STV	10 Jan 2012
Cross dresser's website crashes after he's mistaken for Margaret Thatcher	Metro	11 Jan 2012
War of the Roses saga set for television adaptation	BBC News Online (Magazine)	11 Jan 2012
Fury as teenager is 'expelled' from school for deciding he wanted to dress like a girl	Daily Record	12 Jan 2012
Sean Bean turns transsexual for role in BBC1 drama Accused	Metro	12 Jan 2012
Bean gets blousy in TV drama	Sky News	12 Jan 2012
'I have a boyfriend': Warren Beatty's transgender son reveals he has new lover	Daily Mail	12 Jan 2012
Pre-op transsexual Sandy Manley on why he's now ready to be a woman	Southport Visiter	12 Jan 2012
Sean Bean takes on transsexual role	Telegraph	12 Jan 2012
Captors kept me quiet after I called 999, says rape trial woman	Cambridge News	12 Jan 2012
Comic star to shine in his own show	South Wales Argus	13 Jan 2012
Woman, 45, 'fired from snack food factory for wearing a prosthetic penis to work'	Daily Mail	13 Jan 2012
Schoolboy cross-dresser Jamie Love opens his heart and photo album	Daily Record	14 Jan 2012
Should trans screen roles be played by trans actors?	Guardian	14 Jan 2012
Sex swap teenager to enter Miss England contest	The Sun	14 Jan 2012
Teenager 'sent home from school after he turned up dressed in women's clothing'	Daily Mail	16 Jan 2012
172 gender reassignment procedures took place in 2010	BBC Newsbeat	17 Jan 2012
Flying the flag for ladyboys: Thai airline takes on transgender flight attendants	Guardian	17 Jan 2012
Teenage girl 'posed as boy so that she could grope female friends'	Metro	17 Jan 2012
Man who wore stilettos denies vicious attack	Cambridge News	17 Jan 2012
Court hears of amazing double life of girl, 19, who disguised herself as a boy so she could date GIRLS	Daily Mail	18 Jan 2012
Girl, 19, disguises herself as a boy on Facebook to trick two girls into sex	Mirror	18 Jan 2012
Girl, 19, dressed as a boy to grope girls	The Sun	18 Jan 2012
From homophobia to a moving apology in Turkey	Guardian	18 Jan 2012
Transsexual 'posing as gynaecologist treated dozens of women at illegal practice'	Daily Mail	19 Jan 2012
Teenager who became youngest in UK to have full sex change says 'I want to be Miss England'	Daily Mail	20 Jan 2012
Husband pays tribute to 'courageous' wife who died from brain tumour	Lincolnshire Echo	20 Jan 2012
Sex change teenager bids for Miss England beauty title	Yorkshire Evening Post	20 Jan 2012
I never realised Luke was really a girl: Lucky escape of sex trickster's friend	Daily Mail	20 Jan 2012
Looking Sharpe!	Daily Mail	21 Jan 2012
Transexual and transvestite guilty of raping woman	Cambridge News	22 Jan 2012
Sevigny's Prosthetic Penis Upset	Female First	22 Jan 2012

NHS has paid for 'gender-confused' children to have puberty-delaying jabs... so they can have sex changes when they're older	Daily Mail	23 Jan 2012
A transgender journey: Are you experienced?	Guardian	23 Jan 2012
The transgender taboo is a threat to academic freedom	Telegraph	24 Jan 2012
Transsexual who claims she was bullied out police force to keep fighting	STV (Scottish Television)	24 Jan 2012
Transsexual loses bullying case against police bosses	Edinburgh Evening News	25 Jan 2012
Mirror image: Sean Bean in heels and his double from BBC's Accused	Manchester Evening News	25 Jan 2012
What a drag: the death of the cross-dressing movie	Guardian	26 Jan 2012
Couple tell of journey from Mr & Mr to Mrs & Mrs	The Sun	26 Jan 2012
Widow who said brain tumour turned husband into transvestite and made him cut her out of £575,000 will loses fight for inheritance	Daily Mail	26 Jan 2012
The confused kids putting off puberty	The Sun	29 Jan 2012
'I was born this way': Teenage transsexual reveals how Lady Gaga inspired him to have full sex change	Daily Mail	31 Jan 2012
Cambell, 16, was 'Born This Way'	The Sun	31 Jan 2012
This Morning sex addict Crystal Warren reveals: I used to be a man	The Sun	3 Feb 2012
Jeremy called me a bloke on live TV.. he's a disgrace	The Sun	4 Feb 2012
I don't want any more people to die of this	Worcester News	6 Feb 2012
I have moments when I feel suicidal. I don't want any more people to die of this	Worcester News	6 Feb 2012
Bullying torment of girl born boy	The Sun	7 Feb 2012
Leveson inquiry: Paul Staines AKA Guido Fawkes, Keir Starmer appear (live blog)	Guardian	8 Feb 2012
Supporters rally around Livvy James, the girl born a boy	Worcester News	9 Feb 2012
Virginia school district may force cross-dressing students to wear 'gender appropriate' clothes	Daily Mail	9 Feb 2012
He's the gender-bending beauty who has become the fashion world's hottest property... but is model Andrej Pejic getting overexposed already?	Daily Mail	9 Feb 2012
My husband became my wife: Transgender woman reveals how a bee sting led to her sex change... and how the woman she had married stood by her	Daily Mail	9 Feb 2012
For 23 years I was trapped as Jessica: Now I'm free to be Jacob	Mirror	10 Feb 2012
Britain's first 'male mother': Man born a woman is first in UK to give birth despite having sex change	Daily Mail	12 Feb 2012
Sex change British man gives birth to son	Daily Telegraph	12 Feb 2012
Man becomes first in the UK to give birth to baby	The Sun	13 Feb 2012
Campaigners question ethics of Britain's first 'male mother'	Daily Telegraph	13 Feb 2012
Sex change birth: how can a man give birth to a child?	Daily Telegraph	13 Feb 2012
I'm a liberal - but a man giving birth is freakish and beyond the pale	Daily Mail	14 Feb 2012
'I'm the girl with the ladydad'	Guardian	18 Feb 2012
Britain's first 'male mother': I want to live as a normal father	Daily Telegraph	19 Feb 2012
Britain's first male mum speaks: My mother told me I'd be a good mummy. I said, 'No, I'll be a good daddy'	Mail on Sunday	19 Feb 2012

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Five-year-old boy trapped in wrong gender living life as a girl	Metro	20 Feb 2012
Five-year-old boy lives as girl in youngest case of Gender Identity Disorder	Daily Telegraph	20 Feb 2012
Gender Identity Disorder in children - the facts	Daily Telegraph	20 Feb 2012
'Spot the stallions from the mares': Bookmaker criticised over controversial ad campaign asking punters to spot the 'transgendered ladies' in a crowd at Cheltenham festival	Daily Mail	20 Feb 2012
Boy, 5, lives his life as a GIRL after becoming one of the youngest ever to be diagnosed on the NHS with 'Gender Identity Disorder'	Daily Mail	20 Feb 2012
Formerly a man, Chrisie Edkins is now marrying a woman - as a woman	Southern Daily Echo	21 Feb 2012
BOY OF 5 BROUGHT UP AS A LITTLE GIRL	Daily Star	21 Feb 2012
Zach, five, diagnosed as a girl trapped in a boy's body	Mirror	21 Feb 2012
After a five-year-old becomes the youngest known child to be diagnosed with Gender Identity Disorder, just when is a boy a girl?	Daily Mail	21 Feb 2012
Boy, 5, who lives as a girl	The Sun	21 Feb 2012
Lawmaker refuses to support Girl Scouts' 100th anniversary as they 'promote homosexuality and encourage sex'	Daily Mail	21 Feb 2012
Students told cross-dressing is as offensive as blacking up	Daily Telegraph	22 Feb 2012
How cross-dressing is an essential part of student rag week	Daily Telegraph	22 Feb 2012
Pity poor Zach, a five-year-old victim of the politically correct gender identity industry	Daily Mail	22 Feb 2012
Every Englishman – even the CEO of Barclays – has the right to cross-dress	Daily Telegraph	23 Feb 2012
The two faces of the transgender fraudster who made thousands of pounds in scams posing as both sexes	Daily Mail	23 Feb 2012
DON'T TELL A LITTLE BOY THAT HE IS A LITTLE GIRL	Daily Express	23 Feb 2012
The six-foot, 13-stone sex swap trickster who convinced a bank she was 5ft 5in, 8-stone super-celebrity Katie Price	Daily Mail	24 Feb 2012
Mixed-up five-year-olds and the alarming growth of the gender identity industry: 20 years ago the condition didn't exist. Now British children are being puberty suppressing drugs on the NHS	Daily Mail	25 Feb 2012
Transsexual teenager who stole Katie Price's identity to buy sports car avoids jail	Mirror	25 Feb 2012

Summary for national press by paper by week

This table summarises the discrete internet articles listed above relating to press coverage. Local press are excluded from this table. The Telegraph posted two or three parallel articles for each of the recent stories.

Note that this table excludes any coverage by The Times or the Sunday Times as they are behind a paywall.

Week	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
BBC News Online		1						1		1	1	1						5
Daily/Sunday Mail	2	1	2	2	6	4	1	5	3	3	4	6	2	1	3	2	9	56
Daily/Sunday Express						1		1									1	3
Daily Star		1															1	2
Daily/Sunday Telegraph		1	1							1	1		1			3	6	14
Guardian/Observer		2	1		2	1		2		1	2	2	2		1	1		17
Mirror		1	2					1	1		1	1			1		2	10
New Scientist										1								1
Radio Times	1	1																2
Spectator									1									1
The Sun									1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	12
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