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So the [@ChtyCommission](#) has launched a statutory inquiry into Mermaids.

A thread of some of the things it may consider.

 **Charity Commission** 
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We've opened a statutory inquiry into Mermaids, after identifying concerns about its governance and management.

Read more: gov.uk/government/news...

Inquiry opened: Mermaids



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Will it start with how they hired as CEO a mother who took her son to be castrated in Thailand at the age of 16 because his dad didn't approve of having an effeminate little boy?



Susie Green: Transgender: a mother's story | Susie Green | TEDxTruro

Susie Green shares the inspirational story of her transgender daughter, who told her when she was four that she should have been born a girl. Susie is the CEO of Mermaids, a charity that supports gen...

https://www.ted.com/talks/susie_green_transgender_a_mother_s_story?language=en

And how it encouraged other parents to undertake such medical tourism

https://users.ox.ac.uk/~sfosoo6o/Biggs_ExperimentPubertyBlockers.pdf

Will it look at Mermaids relationship with the Tavistock Clinic, as raised by Sonia Appleby, David Bell, Marcus Bell and the other whistleblowers?



Tavistock trust whistleblower David Bell: 'I believed I was doing the rig...'

The psychiatrist behind a critical report on the gender identity unit at the NHS trust on the efforts to silence him and his concerns about children's access to treatment

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2021/may/02/tavistock-trust-whistleblower-david-...>

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6149eb48d3bf7f05ac396f79/Ms_S_Appleby_vs_Tavistock_and_Portman_NHS_Foundation_Trust.pdf

30. In October 2017 the claimant was again approached by some concerned GIDS staff. She reported this to Dr Senior, her line manager, on 30 October 2017 in the following terms:

"a number of GIDS staff have brought some concerns to my attention of late.

Predictably, there are challenges regarding Mermaids, rogue medics and the political expectations of the national service.

Perhaps more worrying are the manifestations of a number of splits within the team (not unusual) but I have been reported is quite potent:

(a) team members feel they are coerced into not reporting safeguarding issues,

10.2 Judgment - rule 61

There is anger on both sides of the debate. But given his politics - Bell describes himself to me as a "Corbyn-supporting Jew" - he has been most shocked by the reluctance of the left to engage with the issues. "They think this is to do with being liberal, rather than with concerns about the care of children. Mermaids and Stonewall [the charities for trans children and LGBTQ+ rights] have made people afraid even of listening to another view." It surprises him that the left is unwilling to consider the role played by big pharma. In the US, a journal that published a paper about the effect of puberty blockers on suicide risk recently had to disclose that one of its co-authors received a stipend from the manufacturer of another drug.

Case No: 2204772/2019

and to do so is "trans phobic";
(b) lack of confidence in Children's Social Care
(c) an unhelpful development regarding the linking of the politics of sexuality and gender issues.

I think I was most concerned that some team members reported the tensions around political conformity within and beyond the Trust, the lack of a team position regarding the clinical management of gender issues and what to do when there are safeguarding concerns whatever the genesis".

And presented in parliamentary evidence

<https://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/women-and-equalities-committee/transgender-equality/oral/21638.html>

Chair: In particular cross-sex hormones being available to younger individuals.

Dr Wren: Do we give it any thought? Yes, we do. It exercises us a very great deal. It is an enormous issue for our service. Clearly, as you have heard from Susie, organisations like Mermaids put it on the agenda for us all the time and are very unhappy about our sticking to the international guidelines at the moment, so we are reviewing it constantly. I would say that in the sense that it is an ongoing process. It is not like we will review it again in two years' time, although our specification is being reviewed as we speak this year by NHS England. They are reviewing it and this is one of the things that has been up for discussion, so we are in the midst, at the moment of all these conversations about what to do. There are issues about the positive evidence in the field. There are issues about the range of young people coming forward and the difficulty of knowing which are the children who might do really well, unless we confine it to a vanishingly small number, which we possibly should, but that would be an issue. I am sure Susie would want us to have a flexible approach to this, so that not everybody who comes in the door at 13 or 14 would have fast access to cross-sex hormones. I am sure Susie would want us to do a reasonable assessment of that young child and how they are presenting, so that we are making a wise clinical decision. On the other hand, once you drop that age limit it will be harder and harder for us to say, "No". Maybe that is okay. Maybe this Committee will think that is okay. We are made anxious about that. We do not take an absolute stand of certainty that it is going to be a wrong thing and it is a wrong thing forever. It used to be that you could not get puberty suppression until you were 16. Now it is at any age, effectively. These things change over

We are talking about young people in the midst of adolescence, many of them, and the issues of their desperation to get on to physical treatment. I am trying to choose my words really carefully here, because this is a debate that we have with Mermaids on a very regular basis, so our positions are well rehearsed and I feel I want to appreciate what Susie is saying today, but we also take the view that moving straight into physical intervention at speed for some of our young people is not necessarily always in their best interest. I know that Susie and Mermaids would like a fast track so that young people who are already well into puberty and feel that they know that they want to move forward into physical intervention would bypass our assessment process and move straight into physical

Oral evidence: Transgender Equality Inquiry, HC 390

intervention. We feel that is not an ethical way to practise, and this is a sticking point between us and Mermaids.

And open letters <https://medium.com/@kirstyentwistle/an-open-letter-to-dr-polly-carmichael-from-a-former-gids-clinician-53c541276b8d>

Will it look at Mermaids' involvement in the case where a 7-year-old child was removed from the custody of his mother after the court found that the child had been essentially groomed into a transgender identity

transgender girl UK case – 4thWaveNow

<https://4thwavenow.com/tag/transgender-girl-uk-case/>

Will it look at Mermaids relationship with GenderGP and Helen Webberley?

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Dr Webberley #36391

Susie Green 04/28/17 #36391

Hi all,
Just a quick note to say that I have spoken to Dr Webberley regarding some people not getting responses to emails, and she has told me that they aim to respond within 48 hours, so if you don't get a reply within that time then there may be a problem with emails being bounced. She has agreed that if you do try to contact her and don't get a reply within 3 days, contact me and I will pass on the query.
Best wishes,
Susie

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Even the fact that Helen Webberley has now been suspended from all practice, criminally convicted and fined £12k hasn't stopped delinquent charity [@Mermaids_Gender](#) from promoting her services.

Private Support

Michelle Bridgman, UKCP, BACP - Psychotherapist

GenderGp - Helen Webberly

Provider of private health care for transgender patients based in Abergavenny, but video conferencing. Prospective patients may want to know that, in Oct 2018, Helen successfully proceeded with criminal action. Both Online GP Services Ltd and Dr Helen were found guilty at Merthyr Magistrates court. Sentencing will take place on 2 November 2019.

To review Helen's response: <https://gendergp.co.uk/update-health-inspectorate-will-prosecute-helen-webberley/>

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DRW: I spoke with colleagues and developed networks, including Susie Green. Did not include experienced clinicians because there is a paucity of experienced clinicians. There was no network of such clinicians.

10:50 AM · Sep 21, 2021



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Will it look at the data breach where they allowed 780 pages of confidential emails to be viewable online for nearly three years. This led to personal information, such as names and email addresses, of 550 people being searchable online.



ICO fines transgender charity for data protection breach exposing sen...

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has fined transgender charity Mermaids £25,000 for failing to keep the personal data of its users secure. The ICO's investigation began after it receive...

<https://ico.org.uk/about-the-ico/media-centre/news-and-blogs/2021/07/ico-fines-transg...>

And then the difference between what they told the public and the families affected?

 **Andrew Gilligan**
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Mermaids is telling the world that the data breach included "no emails to and from families." Here is their internal message to families - which tells a different story. It's not the crime that kills you; it's the coverup.

IMPORTANT. PLEASE READ: Dear friends. A journalist from the Sunday Times has made us aware of a data protection breach NOT ON THIS GROUP, affecting correspondence dated between the 15th August 2016 and the 21st July 2017.

The emails in question were located at an obscure destination on an email group which is no longer in use. As soon as we were made aware of this breach, we took immediate steps to rectify the mistake.

Nonetheless, a small number of service users has been affected by the data breach and they will be hearing from us directly at the earliest opportunity.

We are currently carrying out a full and thorough investigation of all the emails in question and we have informed the Information Commissioner's Office and will be working with them to rectify

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Will it look at the difference between what it told the National Lottery about not lobbying to medicalise children and what it did in practice?

 **Maya Forstater**
@MForstater · [Follow](#) 

You remember when the National Lottery investigated questions about Mermaids ?

Mermaids denied they lobby for putting children with gender dysphoria on puberty blockers

Mermaids (See Annex 2).

10.3 (a) Mermaids favours and lobbies for a medical treatment pathway as a main route to support for children experiencing non-conforming gender identity

Allegation:
That Mermaids prematurely pushes for life altering medical interventions before, or instead, of exploring alternative routes.

Mermaids response:
Mermaids deny this allegation.

Mermaids state that it does not "favour", "lobby" or "push" for medical intervention (which should not, in any case, be identified with surgical intervention). They state this is not the role of the charity.

Mermaids provides a wide range of advice and support to children and their families and that its focus is not medical treatment.

Further Background:
There is further background to suggest that 80% of gender dysphoric young people would

 **Equality Act 2010 @2010Equality**

This is a thread about @Mermaids_Gender & @TNLComFund looking at (1) the National Lottery Fund's recent Review, (2) the Proposal from Mermaids, (3) and the Fund's original Assessment of it (obtained via FOI request) All documents are here: drive.google.com/drive/u/2/fold...


NOTE: This report has been prepared by the National Lottery Community Fund's Director for Scotland for the purposes set out in 1.5. It is based on information gathered by the Fund over a short period of time and is not intended to evaluate any medical or social intervention. It is a summary of a detailed document, written as a brief summary and guide to assist the England Committee.


Mermaids, formed in 1995, is the only UK wide charity providing information, support and shared experiences for transgender or non-gender conforming children, young people up to the age of 25, and their families. We offer a range of services including a helpline, email, parent and青年 online forums, residential weekends and local support groups. We have a programme of research, campaign work, training, and consultancy, to promote best practice, reduce vulnerability and self-harm in young people, and provide families with the tools to support their young person.

The organisation has developed from an unregistered charity, solely reliant on volunteers, with an income below £30,000 to a CIO with eight full-time staff and an annual turnover of £1.2 million. The charity now has a professional staff team, 100+ volunteers, 500+ members and 500 youth group members. Its revised profile has also helped to secure a DFE grant of £1.2 million to develop a programme of research, training and advocacy.

Stonewall research indicates 40% of transgender school pupils in the UK have attempted suicide, compared to 10% of the general population. Transgender young people are more likely to experience physical and mental bullying by their peers, adults and people in authority than other young people. They often experience physical and mental bullying by their peers, adults and people in authority than other young people.

This proposal aims to increase localised support, inform and improve associated services, and contribute evidence-based research on transgender young people. In total, the five year proposal will cost £1.2 million. The project will be delivered through a partnership and lack of funding can be identified via member poll. Building on the impact of the

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Will it look at the things it told the National Lottery it would do, and whether it did them?

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Review into the award of a Reaching Communities Grant to Mermaids



MERMAIDS

Mermaids, formerly known as the charity for young people transitioning, support and shared experiences for transgender or non-binary confirming children, young people up to the age of 25, their parents and carers, online forums, residential weekends and local support groups. We try to prevent discrimination, promote equality, reduce social isolation, provide peer support, networking, reduce suicidality and self-harm in young people, and provide families with the best possible support.

The organization has developed from an unincorporated charity, solely reliant on volunteers, with an income below £10,000 to a CIO with eight full-time staff and an annual turnover of over £1 million. It has approximately 100 staff, 1000 volunteer members and 500 youth group members. Its revised profile has also helped to secure a DFE grant to support the delivery of the first ever national curriculum for gender diversity, anti-bullying and raise awareness of the needs and rights of transgender young people.

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Will it look at its relationship with the EHRC ? And how it promoted the suicide narrative and extreme social transition?

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/transgender-children-failed-system-warns-equality-chair>

And then told families and schools to ignore the EHRC when recognised that single sex spaces are lawful and legitimate?

<https://mermaidsuk.org.uk/news/single-sex-spaces-know-your-rights/>

Will it look at their views on the protected characteristic of belief and whether people with gender critical beliefs should be protected against belief discrimination

<https://www.consortium.lgbt/ehrc-open-letter/>

And how it pressured Hodder Law to remove coverage of the Harry Miller case from an A level text book?



HODDER

Chair of A-Level Law Review resigns over editing of transgender article
The chairman of the editorial board of A-Level Law Review, Ian Yule, has quit his role after an article he wrote for the education magazine was heavily edited and put through a sensitivity reading fr...
<https://www.thebookseller.com/news/hodders-editing-case-study-input-mermaids-prov...>

Will it listen to the Mermaids' podcasts?



A Transchild, the Tavistock, Mermaids and GenderGP - Mumsnet
Has anyone seen this: [[<https://www.gendergp.com/raising-a-trans-teen-podcast/>]]
A quick synopsis is that Arthur first identified as male when t...
https://www.mumsnet.com/talk/womens_rights/4002016-A-Transchild-the-Tavistock-M...

Will it look at went on on Mermaids' online forums?



Trans charity's chatroom for children condemned as irresponsible free...

The first red flag was the "dick pic". Katie had no idea her 14-year-old son was communicating with strangers in secret on the Mermaids website, until she found

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/trans-charitys-chatroom-for-children-condemned-as-i...>

Will it look at giving breast binders to children behind parents backs?



The Telegraph

Exclusive: Trans charity Mermaids giving breast binders to children be...

'Massive safeguarding red flags' over the taxpayer-funded group lead to calls for an immediate investigation by the Charity Commission

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2022/09/25/exclusive-trans-charity-mermaids-giving-...>

Will it look at Mermaids' disturbing adult fundraising events ?

 **ripx4nutmeg**
@ripx4nutmeg · [Follow](#) 

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Mermaids have spent the weekend retweeting and praising a man who puts on a baby mask to tell people he wants to suck their nipples



Donate: donate.tittery.com/robobotron/pap...
Rewards activate at showtime!
- dolphin screams your name
- Mentos explosion to the face
- costume change



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Will it look at its BDSM drag queen calendar fundraiser?

<https://www.facebook.com/haydnbphtography/posts/2188543198026289>

Will it look at its "they are attacking us" fundraiser?

Mermaids is under attack. Help us fight back.

Anti-trans groups are threatening our staff and volunteers, intimidating our funders and bullying our community. This has led to a strain on our services at a time when they're needed most.

We urgently need your help to keep providing vital support to trans young people and their families.

Will you donate today to fight back and ensure we can be there for those who need it most?

YES, I'LL JOIN THE FIGHT BACK

Will it look at this - with Starbucks?



Will it look at the whole Darren Mew affair?

 **Goth Disco Gnome**
@MrCrystalMighty

Just saw that Maya's tweet where she reposted erotic art made by someone who works at Mermaids for a queer magazine has been removed cos it violated twitter's terms of service 

9:38 AM · Oct 10, 2022 · Twitter Web App

This is not a culture war. It is a war on safeguarding | by Maya Forstater...
Twitter has locked me out of my account unless I delete a tweet which was part of a thread about child safeguarding, the pressures against speaking up, and how the Pedophile Information Exchange...
<https://mforstater.medium.com/why-my-twitter-account-has-been-suspended-66c8e4c...>



Will it look at the whole Jacob Breslow affair?

 **Nurtural** 
@Nurtural_UK · Follow 

A @Mermaids_gender trustee studies "the queer life of children's desires". His PhD says 'queer children' are those interested in sex eg "cross-generational attachment." Critics say his field "seeks to tear down the fundamentals of child safeguarding".
[@ChtyCommission](#) [@mimsdavies](#)

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Will it look at its involvement int getting a conference involving Helen Joyce and Stephanie Davies Arai cancelled at Great Ormond St ?



Great Ormond Street's trans conference descends into chaos

A webinar for trainee child psychiatrists on dealing with trans children has been postponed after two panellists were uninited over claims they would make LGCQT+ and trans attendees feel 'unsafe'.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10633029/Great-Ormond-Street-hospitals-con...>

Will it look at the safeguarding decisions that went into this partnership?

 **James Esses** 
@JamesEsses · [Follow](#) 

Last year, Mermaids partnered with a 'streamer' for fundraising and publicised them to their young audience.

One click on their Twitter account and you find an OnlyFans page with explicit sexual imagery and description of "exhibitionist slut".

Mermaids are a risk to children.

The following media includes potentially sensitive content.

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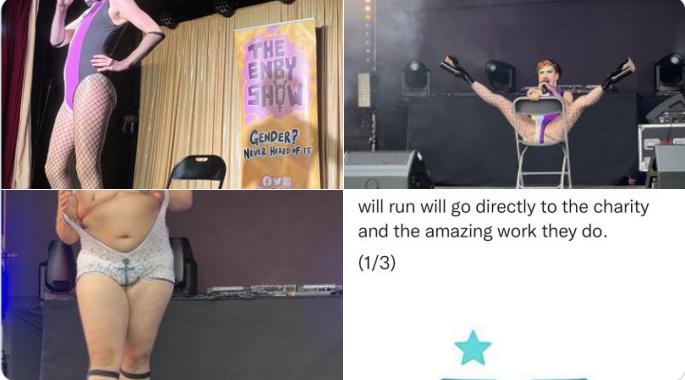
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And this one?

 **James Esses** 
@JamesEsses · [Follow](#)

This group - The Enby Show - are publicly fundraising for Mermaids.

I wonder, is it appropriate for a children's charity to accept donations from the proceeds of such a sexualised performance?



will run will go directly to the charity and the amazing work they do.
(1/3)

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Will it consider the decision-making that went into bringing a case against the charity commission over LGB Alliance?



Appeal “LGB Alliance’s” charity status - Good Law ...

<https://goodlawproject.org/case/lgb/>

Will it consider reporting of Caroline Farrow and Kellie-Jay Keen to the police?



Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull (Posie Parker) | Fair Cop

In February 2018 Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull was contacted by West Yorkshire Police after she posted tweets about Susie Green, CEO of trans charity Mermaids. The tweets referred to Mrs Green taking h...

<https://www.faircop.org.uk/case-studies/kellie-jay-keen-minshull/>



REBATE: Ken McKay/PA Wire/PA Images
Good Morning Britain TV Show, London, UK - 26 Sep 2018 Susie Green and Caroline Farrow
GUIDE TRANSGENDER ROW
Transgender girl have been suspended and the police have been called over. The police brought
in a girl or boy in their unit used to identify as male - the expelled member made this comment
If a girl or boy in their unit used to identify as male - the expelled member made this comment
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Woman to be questioned by police over claims she misgendered a tra...

Susie Green and Caroline Farrow previously met on ITV's Good Morning Britain on a debate about transgender girls in Guiding.

<https://news.sky.com/story/woman-to-be-questioned-by-police-over-claims-she-misgen...>

Will they listen to the recording of their schools training?



Just listened to the Mermaid school training audio - Mumsnet

Jesus fucking Christ. I mean, I've seen the "jelly baby spectrum" picture but to actually hear this person come out and say that if you're not princes...

https://www.mumsnet.com/talk/womens_rights/3545977-Just-listened-to-the-Mermaid-...

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