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 2012, 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 Inquiry, 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 February. 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 Motion\(^4\) 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 February\(^5\). 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 February\(^6\), 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 Mail\(^8\) 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 February\(^9\), 22 February\(^10\), 25 February\(^11\), and 26 February\(^12\). 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?”\(^14\)

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\(^1\) [http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2010-12/2733](http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2010-12/2733)
\(^10\) [http://www.levesoninquiry.org.uk/hearing/2012-01-09pm/](http://www.levesoninquiry.org.uk/hearing/2012-01-09pm/)
\(^11\) [http://www.levesoninquiry.org.uk/hearing/2012-01-06pm/](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”\(^\text{15}\).

**Trans Man**

Trans men have given birth for years\(^\text{16}\). Research\(^\text{17}\) 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 viewpoints\(^\text{18}\), 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.”\(^\text{19}\)

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.”

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\(^{15}\) 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)


\(^{18}\) 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
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 data\(^{25}\) 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 Dinsmore\(^{26}\) 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

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\(^{24}\) [http://transequality.org/PDFs/Executive_Summary.pdf](http://transequality.org/PDFs/Executive_Summary.pdf)  
age, and that the triadic treatment path (psychotherapy, endocrine and surgical) has been proven to have an extremely high success rate\(^\text{27}\) - 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 funds\(^\text{28}\), and reinforcing the idea of a self-serving “industry” that encourages transsexualism\(^\text{29}\). 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 protocols\(^\text{30}\).

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 viewpoint\(^\text{31}\), 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.

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\(^{27}\) [http://www.religioustolerance.org/transsexu23.htm](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 - [http://www.europeanurology.com/article/S0302-2838%2808%2900764-1/abstract](http://www.europeanurology.com/article/S0302-2838%2808%2900764-1/abstract)


\(^{30}\) [http://ai.eecs.umich.edu/people/conway/TSsuccesses/TSsuccesses.html](http://ai.eecs.umich.edu/people/conway/TSsuccesses/TSsuccesses.html)

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

He is the only fourth person in the world officially cleared 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 operation, he still had a womb and was able to get pregnant.

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

A baby bump... When trans pioneer Thomas Beatie gives birth to a baby girl

BY CAROL COOPER

He told of how I had been delivered by Caesarean section and that the man had undergone gender reassignment surgery.

The surgery had been described as "unique" and similar to the case of American Thomas Beatie.

The矩形 boxing match would have been very similar in style.

There would have been a lot of high drama going around the bout. The professional boxer would have been allowed to compete with what he was given as part of the plan.

Tommy Cooper

The founder of the new movement was seen as "very much a part of the plan.

Guidance

She told how the man gave birth to a boy last year at a Caesarean section and was told by the organisation that he could have a baby.

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

Despite undergoing gender reassignment, he had ended up being diagnosed with male hormones.

Joanne Beattie

He said it had been a long and difficult process and he had only recently managed to get pregnant.

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority yesterday refused to disclose if he knew about the baby.

Eggs

But a spokesman confirmed it may have given birth.

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

The boy was believed to have given birth to a healthy baby girl — although media said that a natural birth could still have been possible.

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority yesterday refused to disclose if he knew about the baby.

You may be pregnant by my

**THE SUN**

TOWIE star Lauren Goodger's salon team bombed

Old man with a beard was candy to his local church

Cop found dead after child porn arrest

Million youngsters hit by unemployment

Horror of cats cooked in hemp F Kit-chen

**THE SUN**

Charles has a neat idea to crack crisis

**THE SUN**

800 jobs are going at Virgin andTyson

**THE SUN**

Newborn died in neglect after social services left him with his homeless

Killer snake bit me Down Undarfit

**THE SUN**

The Sun's new app for your smartphone

**THE SUN**

Royal journalist James Waddington dies at 91

**THE SUN**
The Mail, 14 February 2012

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

Last updated at 12:30 PM on 14th February 2012

A good two years ago, a controversial advertisement showed a vulnerable-looking young girl in a sweater, looking wretched alone in a Recently pregnant body. Designed to make men take responsibility for contraception, it was powerful because the image was totally believable. You couldn’t help but imagine a man with a child growing inside him - could you?

Now, the Randall's Fantasy, dreamed up by experts has become a reality.

In 2008, an American called Thomas Beatie made international headlines when he became the first man to give birth. He had a wife who was unable to conceive and, as a former woman who had a sex change, he was able to use his own womb to donate sperm and have a baby - from then.

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

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, after all, we've complicated a lot to get pregnant - if, having had no child, gender reassignment, he/she has left the womb in place.

Anyone with common sense should be able to understand there are some people - a tiny minority - who are fortunate enough to have a biological womb and carry a fetus within the gender that nature gave them.

They can feel too selfish and and disturb the idea of great lengths (often very great, I) to have a sex change, but I can't help wondering if a woman who wants a baby would leave her womb in place and feminising.

And why would you then indulge yourself 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 UK television personality Adam Ant on a model of a pregnant man that has become a reality.

More...
- The secret to love: 50-year-old Toddler. A 50-year-old mother of four who struggles to make ends meet.
- Take the plunge, girls! All but one half of men would any year if their girlfriend proposed to have a baby (but what about the other half?)
- Why doing up that suit is the way to being happier.

Is there a partner? Will the baby look like Sperm? At the moment, we don't know, but whatever the circumstances, this is a very important ethical issue, indeed.

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We are used to the wonders of science. It seems that, after all, we've complicated a lot to get pregnant - if, having had no child, gender reassignment, he/she has left the womb in place.
The fertility experts are telling us that the mechanics of the ‘miracle’
giving birth are quite simple: sperm, egg and hormone spurs. Bring it!
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 addictions,
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 mental state is, whether you intend
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 is
the matter how small) is a part of the whole.

Similarly, each shift in what we expect and accept has a ripple effect
on the wellbeing of society — just as the Chinese philosophers
believed that the flutter of a butterfly’s wings can cause a storm
over there. Sometimes, removing stigma and taboo seems to remain an
advance in behaviour as well as human rights. We also know that
our cost of living, the pushing of boundaries leaves us with little to
shrink the very takers of our civilization.

Regulate readers of my Saturday
diary mail will know me to be a very tolerant
person, with an understanding
of human needs and we’re

Since I have a life in studies
group, I tend to give people the
benefit of the doubt. That

and does not mean their needs
and desires should always be
examined and questioned.

And I believe that Latin example
of the dictum: “one is not
which we think connotes the
most basic belief about what is
“normal” and what will contribute
to the greater good.

Why and so used to be a

A newspaper picture of American
Tomlin’s beagle hugging his
dughter Susan, while
displaying an empty
donut, pregnant with his new puppy?

Most people will readily
agree on this plain word — even
breathing. This is not destructive: Such a reaction speaks from an
imposed 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
manifestations by which we measure how people act. Just as we talk
about ‘normal’ snow, in that regard a mother who is unusual to her
child is abnormal. Normal is the aberration; they give us stability.

Yes, certain people will always rebel against them, and scientists will
(rightly) always attempt to be at the point where — by closing eyes
example, IVF (which may well have helped this man to have a baby) has
given countless married couples the chance of

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 does not make it
good. Does a woman in her 60s have the right to have a child?

Does a woman in her 20s have the right to bear a child who will find out
one day that grown in Daddy’s tummy and, therefore, Daddy is

Wrenn argues that just because pregnancy is biologically possible
doesn’t always make it the right thing to do.

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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”

Note also the references to “man/woman”. The report from the Christian charity, the Childrens’ Society, does indeed reference that children do best when the parents make a long-term commitment, but at the
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.
A CHILD aged five has been told by doctors that he is really a little GIRL trapped in a boy's body.

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

How socially sortable blond pigtails and a purple tutu, he has been living as a girl for more than a year.

His mum Theresa, 32, 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 has Gender Identity Disorder (GID) that manifested itself when he was three and he refused to continue living as a boy.

Zack 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."

The article continues...
The Mail, 20 February 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'

- 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 WILFORD
Last updated at 12:09 PM on 20th February 2012

A five-year-old who told his parents he was a girl trapped in a boy’s body has become one of the youngest 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 girl’s television character, Emma the Explorer.

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

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.

'This is Avery's picture as he dressed as a girl last year officially diagnosed with Gender Identity Disorder at the age of four.'

With his blonde pigtails and purple tutu, Zach, 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 in support of Zach since his diagnosis.

With Battls the TV traveller, every child should know for the age of two
- Increasing numbers of teenagers and younger children are being treated by doctors for sex
- Transformed

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 all 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 testicles out of frustration.’
The article continues...

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.
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.

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

By CAROL SWARBRICK

Last updated at 11:17 PM on 22nd February 2012

Once upon a time, a little boy called Zach Avery lived with his parents in a flat in Essex and had his 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 mum - 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.

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 got 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 6 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 'heal' their children from this very modern malady.

Relief: Zach with his mother, Theresa, outside Flintest Primary School, which now makes its toilets 'gender-neutral'.

Anyway, the Tolstoyk diagnosed little Zach as having ADHD — well, of course it did, that's what their job is: 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, Flintest Primary, which seized upon this radical new challenge with relish.

They applied to the local maternity hospital 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 loo for a boy who likes to wear dresses.

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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, don't suppose many of us have to wander far down memory lane to remember the contents of little Zach's wardrobe: long silk dresses ripped to useless where the far-too-big sashes had caught the hems, eye pencil slapped on from being sneaked 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.
Dear: Zach's parents, Theresa and Darren, are negotiating an arrangement with a tabloid newspaper.

Sadly, no such bidding 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.

Nice parents would have stopped his ear; naive ones would have let him be, and I dare say most would have affected a compromise: a pair of women's 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: Zach's parents kept his sex a secret until the age of five.

We've been hogging 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 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 — or 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 she was thinking. If it had been a boy, it’s not a man — it’s a woman with a moustache.

Stories like these are increasingly common. Some deserve our support, others do not. Each of us has beliefs. 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 quirk and officially diagnose it as a catalogued syndrome.

Take the Taxistock and the number of cases of children being diagnosed with GID. In 2008/2009, it had 97 referrals. In 2010/2011 that shot up to 139, and in 2011/2012 they had had 165. So far.

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 BRACON

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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.

This unit received £1.04 million in funding last year from the local health care 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 seduced 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 is 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’.
The research supports their view. According to the Twiskow's own figures, up to 80 per cent of young people who think they are the wrong sex will change their minds upon reaching adolescence.

Nevertheless, a clinical trial is currently underway at the Twiskow 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 maturational stress 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 16 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, six 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 young patient 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 disorder by the American Psychiatric Association in the Nineties. With the rise of the internet, it quickly gained currency on this side of the Atlantic and elsewhere.

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.

“Thats when all this started,” says Zach’s grandmother, Christine Avery, who lives in Draxton. ‘Albion’ being the story of a boy who enjoyed dressing up in girls’ clothes ending up on the third floor of the Twiskow Clinic.

Until shortly before his fourth birthday in December 2010, Zach, 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 Twiskow.
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 bows.

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

Behind Zeno’s story is the inescapable 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 (GIERES), 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 ‘toolkit to help schools combat transphobic bullying.’

In 2010, GIERES received Government funding of £35,115. The founders, Stanley couple Bernard and Terry Reed, whose adult daughter is a transsexual, 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.’

Elementary meetings of a trans-youth group, held at the Central School of Speech and Drama, near the Travestock Unit, are advertised on the GIERES website.

The sessions, according to the hub, 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 trans people’.

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

One of this group’s directors is Mark Jenette, 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.’

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.
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 lump their son with the stereotyping they heard in gender terms. 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, sleep in a neutral yellow room and was allowed to wear both boys’ and girls’ 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 distress 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 lanky woman” and I could never persuade anyone in the group to come round for coffee. They thought it was mental.

And what about the Tavistock? According to its website, its aims — if you can decipher the jargon — “to foster recognition and non-judgmental acceptance of gender identity problems”, “to enable trans (people associated with a trans, emotional and relationship difficulties” and “encourage exploration of the mind-body relationship by promoting close collaboration among professionals in different specialties.”

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.

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.
"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 the voice of common sense — not political correctness?
## 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.

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