



GPEW MANIFESTO FAILURES & STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE CASS REPORT

----- Friday 14 June 2024 -----

This week the Green Party of England and Wales (GPEW) published their [Manifesto](#) for the General Election on 4 July 2024.

MANIFESTO: The Green Party [public statement](#) claims:

“Voting Green on 4th July is your way of showing you believe a fairer, greener world is possible – and is worth fighting for.”

However, women within the Green Party know both the leadership and governance have failed to safeguard children - they've failed to support the findings of the [Cass Report](#) whilst simultaneously disparaging members raising concerns about the use of puberty blockers in children and who ask for more research on why there has been an exponential rise in the number of children being referred to gender clinics.

CASS REPORT: The final report of the Cass Review was published 66 days ago on 10 April 2024. Many organisations immediately endorsed the Cass Report, recognising it as a world-leading comprehensive review of the research into NHS gender identity services.

Many organisations acknowledged the report's conclusions - that NHS policy on Gender identity treatment has been built upon "remarkably shaky evidence". The report heralds a seismic shift in the approach to Gender Identity Healthcare for children and vindicates Gender-Critical Feminists who have been advocating for greater caution on this issue.

On 16 April 2024, the Green Party [posted a statement](#) on the Cass Review but removed it from their website after only two hours. The full story is [here](#).

The Party has failed to respond to concerned members asking why this sensible statement on Cass was removed. In light of the pressing need to ensure the safety and well-being of our children, it is imperative that we, as a community and a progressive Political Party, endorse the actionable recommendations of the Report

GPEW SPRING POLICY FEST: On the evening of Tuesday 11 June 2024, former GPEW Deputy Leader Dr. Shahrar Ali presented his 'Policy statement on Cass Report' at the GPEW national PolicyFest. Following the robust discussion of the Cass Report in that session, (which GPEW members can view through the members' website) **GWD urges the Party to make a new formal statement of response to the Cass Report.**



GWD were saddened, but not surprised, that a discussion on the Cass Report and the implications it might have for Green Party policy was used as an opportunity for some to spread erroneous statements about both the competence of Dr Hilary Cass and the methodology of her report.

Those trying to "follow the science" received thinly veiled threats suggesting their comments broke the party's code of conduct, leaving them vulnerable to complaints. Party policy should be updated in the light of new evidence, and it is shameful that some members are so blind to the potential harms of affirmative care highlighted in the Cass report.

Young People are turning to the Green Party, they trust us with the science on climate change, and the slogan of 'Real Hope for the Future' is attractive. They need to be able to trust us to protect their rights but the Green Party is creating confusion by putting gender identity above sex-based rights.

SAFEGUARDING FAILURES: The Cass Report's findings highlight the inconsistencies and inadequacies in existing safeguarding protocols across various institutions. The report provides a clear roadmap for improving Green Party policies, training, and multi-agency collaboration to protect children more effectively. The recommendations outlined in the report emphasise the need for standardisation of safeguarding practices, enhanced training for professionals, and increased resource allocation.

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED: As members of the Green Party, we hold the principles of justice, equality, and protection of the vulnerable as core values. It is, therefore, our duty to champion the adoption of The Cass Report's recommendations and advocate for their implementation across all sectors involved in the care of children.



We call upon the leadership of the Green Party to:

1. Publicly Endorse The Cass Report:

- Publish a formal position statement actively endorsing The Cass Report and its recommended outcomes.
- Recognise the significance of the report as a foundational document that provides a comprehensive framework for enhancing child safeguarding practices.

2. Commit to Implementing the Recommendations:

- Advocate for the standardisation of safeguarding policies across all regions and institutions to ensure consistent protection for all children.
- Support the development and mandatory implementation of comprehensive training programmes for educators, healthcare providers, and social workers.
- Promote multi-agency collaboration to create a robust network of protection for children.
- Ensure adequate funding and resources are allocated to support the implementation of safeguarding measures.

3. Legislate and Enforce Stricter Safeguarding Standards:

- Work towards enacting new laws and regulations that reinforce the importance of safeguarding children and hold institutions accountable for lapses in protection.
- Ensure these legislative measures are enforced consistently across all regions and sectors.

4. Raise Awareness and Engage the Community:

- Launch awareness campaigns targeting parents, guardians, and communities to foster a collective responsibility in safeguarding children.
- Share success stories and best practices from regions that have successfully implemented the report's recommendations.

By adopting The Cass Report and actively working towards its implementation, we can create a safer and more supportive environment for all children. It is our collective responsibility to ensure their right to protection and healthy development is upheld.

The Green Party must lead by example and demonstrate our unwavering commitment to safeguarding the future of our children.

Statement ends.



Notes for Editors

Contacts:

info@GreenWomensDeclaration.co.uk

Current and Former Women Members of the Green Party of England and Wales including those suspended and expelled.

GWD Signatories Available for Interview:

Emma Bateman - emmail@hushmail.me

Zoe Hatch - GreenZoeHatch@gmail.com 07974 457925

Cllr Jude English - Judebrew@gmail.com

Independent PPC - 07812 640 734, DrDawnFurness@Gmail.com

Dr Shahrar Ali - shahrar@londonschoolofphilosophy.org

Green Women's Declaration:

This Green Women's Declaration (GWD) was initiated by members of the Green Party of England and Wales (GPEW) who believe in the right to advocate for women as a sex. Women's rights, based on the reality of biological sex, have been eroded within the GPEW, as elsewhere in society. We believe the consequences of this disregard for the protected characteristic of sex are extremely damaging for women and girls, especially lesbians, mothers and those who are disabled. There now exists a chilling atmosphere of censure and fear within the Party, which affects not only free speech but also free thought.

The full GWD statement is <https://greenwomensdeclaration.uk/>

Legal Action against Green Party of England and Wales:

Several current and former members of the GPEW are taking Legal Action against the Party. Case studies and links to their crowd funders are here:

<https://greenwomensdeclaration.uk/about-us/legal-cases/>

GWD Webinar Series:

A series of webinars run by GWD highlighting issues within the party, including corruption and safeguarding. They can be viewed on our YouTube Channel. The most recent episode is viewable on our [YouTube Channel](#).

Scottish Green Women's Declaration:

GWD is affiliated with [Scottish Green Women's Declaration](#). Recently, a number of members of the Scottish Green Party have been expelled solely for expressing their legitimate Gender Critical beliefs.

[Scottish Greens expel 13 members over 'biological sex' declaration | The National](#)
[Scottish Greens expel 13 members for declaring that 'sex is a biological reality'](#)
[Scottish Greens expel members who believe in 'biological sex' | The Spectator](#)

SCOTTISH GREEN WOMEN'S DECLARATION
#ForWomenAndPlanet





Documents Informing this Statement:

1. Department for Education. (2020). *Working Together to Safeguard Children*. Retrieved from gov.uk
2. NSPCC Learning. (2021). *Child Protection in Schools: Online Training Course*. Retrieved from nspcc.org.uk
3. Cass, H. (2021). *The Cass Report*. Government Publication.
4. Laming, H. (2003). *The Victoria Climbié Inquiry: Report of an Inquiry by Lord Laming*. Retrieved from gov.uk
5. UNICEF. (2019). *Guidelines on Child Protection*. Retrieved from unicef.org
6. Child Protection Company. (2022). *Child Protection Training and Resources*. Retrieved from childprotectioncompany.com
7. HM Government. (2018). *Information Sharing: Advice for Practitioners Providing Safeguarding Services to Children, Young People, Parents, and Carers*. Retrieved from gov.uk
8. National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE). (2017). *Child Abuse and Neglect*. NICE Guideline. Retrieved from nice.org.uk
9. Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS). (2019). *Safeguarding Pressures Phase 6*. Retrieved from adcs.org.uk
10. Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted). (2018). *Annual Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills 2017/18*. Retrieved from gov.uk
11. Munro, E. (2011). *The Munro Review of Child Protection: Final Report, A Child-Centred System*. Retrieved from gov.uk
12. NSPCC. (2020). *How Safe Are Our Children? 2020*. Retrieved from nspcc.org.uk
13. Department for Education. (2021). *Statutory Guidance: Keeping Children Safe in Education 2021*. Retrieved from gov.uk
14. Home Office. (2020). *Tackling Child Sexual Abuse Strategy*. Retrieved from gov.uk
15. Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP). (2021). *Annual Review 2021*. Retrieved from ceop.police.uk
16. Local Government Association (LGA). (2019). *Improving Safeguarding Practice: A Guide for Local Authorities*. Retrieved from local.gov.uk