

The Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP

Prime Minister
Prime Minister's Office
10 Downing Street
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cc The Rt Hon Kemi Badenoch, Minister for Women & Equalities

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Dear Prime Minister

The UK Government's continued failure to bring forward long promised legislation to ban harmful conversion practices is a moral failing with dire consequences, which should concern us all.

Not only has the delay damaged the lives of countless vulnerable LGBT+ victims, it has also emboldened perpetrators to act with impunity.

In the five years since the UK government announced its positive intention to end these abusive practices, many other governments around the world have acted swiftly to do so. Why have we not learnt from them, but instead sought to obfuscate and delay?

Protecting vulnerable people from abuse should be a primary aim of any democracy. We therefore urge you to fulfil your promise and publish the long-awaited legislation immediately. It is time to end these unethical, harmful and ineffective practices that have been condemned by religious leaders and by medical, psychiatric, psychological and healthcare professionals worldwide.

Yours sincerely

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