

UK Physician Investigated Over Rushed Sex Change Operations

British psychiatrist Russell Reid faces charges by five individuals who allege he failed to follow minimum international standards of care for sex change operations. Reid is a member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists and is considered one of the world's leading experts on Gender Identity Disorders.

Richard Tyson, who is representing one transsexual patient and four psychiatrists, said: "The story that I will unfold will tell you how we state how Dr. Reid has consistently jeopardized the safety of his patients and in particular by prescribing to them irreversible hormones to help change their gender without appropriate assessments and physical checks."

In testimony before the General Medical Council, a male-to-female (MTF) transgender told the council that when he consulted with Reid about a sex change, Reid told him that he could fund his sex change by working as a prostitute.

According to the MTF transsexual, Reid told him: "...there is always a market for effeminate young men such as yourself." The MTF began having psychiatric problems after he was prescribed for hormone treatment by Reid in 1998. In 2001, the patient had a full sex change operation at the Charing Cross Hospital Gender Identity Clinic.

Another patient, a female-to-male (FTM) person consulted with Reid with her sister who asked for a second opinion before her sister underwent the operation. Reid ignored her concerns and prescribed hormone treatments. The girl's father wrote a letter of

concern to Reid. In it, he said: "From conversations with quite a few health professionals, it seems clear that accepted guidelines have been ignored and in view of the seriousness of treatment or an operation it is an understatement to say that your diagnosis has been rushed. After conversations with other members of the family it appears that you have almost encouraged my daughter in her belief that the latest solution is the correct one without first ensuring that she had general therapy to ensure that there are no other less extreme alternatives. Given the irreversible nature of the treatment, the risk of it all being in vain is horrifying." ●

Gay And Transgender Students Push For 'Gender Blind' Dorm Rooms

Gay and transgender students at The College of William and Mary are pushing for gender blind dorm rooms. The student Senate has passed a bill calling upon the administration to permit males and females to live in the same room next year.

According to *The Virginian Pilot* (10-02-2006), "The impetus came not from boyfriend-girlfriend couples but from gay students who complained about uncomfortable experiences living with same-sex roommates, student senator Zach Pilchen said." Pilchen noted that students of different genders already study, eat and participate in campus activities together.

Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania has permitted men and women to share about 20% of its dorm rooms for at least four years. Gay and transgender students pushed for the arrangement, according to Myrt Westphal, associate dean for student life. College officials recommended against roommates having romantic entanglements, but the school took the stand that it's the student's choice, not the parents'. ●

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