## Draft Resolution by Women's Institute Declaration



## No to a Clinical Trial of Puberty Blockers

Title of Resolution: Puberty is a Human Right - No Clinical Trial of Puberty Blockers

**Wording of Resolution:** Puberty is a crucial stage of human development and must not be interfered with. This meeting calls for the National Institute for Health and Care research (NIHR) and NHS England to abandon plans to conduct a clinical trial of puberty blockers on children. Children cannot consent to being treated with powerful drugs that block natural development as they lack adult insight.

**The Issue:** Following the Cass Review the NIHR and NHS England are recruiting children to undergo experimental treatment to treat mental distress at their sexed bodies. Already children who were placed on these powerful drugs are already lost to follow up, however, the often cited Dutch Study has already led to the death of one child due to complications arising from penile inversion surgery

**Objectives:** To ensure no child resident in the UK is able to access these powerful drugs, allow all children to go through natural puberty, stop the pernicious influence of organisations such as Mermaids and Gendered Intelligence.

**Potential:** Work with prominent campaigner Kiera Bell, this will show the WI is serious about child safeguarding and ensuring other organisations follow.

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