



Stop State Sanctioned Sexual Assault

Title of Resolution: Prevent State Sanctioned Sexual Assault - Reinstate Same Sex Police Searches

Wording of Resolution: This meeting calls for all police forces across the United Kingdom to stop allowing male police officers, who possess a gender-recognition certificate, to search female suspects. This is state endorsed sexual assault and heeps humiliation on women and girls during what is a traumatic time.

The Issue: Some police forces are allowing male police officers with a gender recognition certificate to strip female detainees, a certificate does not change an individual's sex. This is violation of Article 3 of the European Convention of Human Rights protecting against torture and inhuman or degrading treatment

Objectives: To ensure that female suspects are only searched by female officers. To prevent female officers from having to strip search male suspects who identify as female. To ensure that the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (PACE) is properly implemented.

Potential: Sex Matters has launched a Judicial Review of the British Transport Police. The WI could throw its weight behind this to show all women's dignity and privacy matters.

<https://sex-matters.org/posts/the-legal-system/sex-matters-is-challenging-btps-abusive-strip-search-policy/>

<https://sex-matters.org/take-action/crowdfund-to-stop-abusive-search-policy/>

<https://sex-matters.org/take-action/crowdfund-to-stop-abusive-search-policy/#documents>

<https://www.womensrights.network/wrn-police-report>