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For the United Kingdom — and for the world. Presented to Parliament on the Report Stage and Third Reading of the Courts and Tribunals Bill, Tuesday 13 October 2026.

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ARTICLE I

CLAUSE 17: DON'T REPEAL. REPLACE.

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Today, Parliament removes a starting point and puts nothing in its place.

Clause 17 of the Courts and Tribunals Bill repeals the presumption that a safe parent's involvement is good for a child. It repeals sections 1(2A), 1(2B), 1(6) and 1(7) of the Children Act 1989, and section 11 of the Children and Families Act 2014.

It has been badly misreported by both sides. Three facts:

It has never meant 50:50. The statute says so expressly — involvement of any kind, direct or indirect, "but not any particular division of a child's time."

It has never applied to a risky parent. It applies only to a parent who can be involved in a way that does not put the child at risk of harm.

It is rebuttable. It is a starting point, not an outcome. If the evidence says involvement would not further the child's welfare, the court departs from it.

So what is actually being removed is a starting point — and nothing is being put in its place.

THE GOVERNMENT'S OWN CASE AGAINST ITS OWN CLAUSE

We do not need to argue this. The Government has already made the argument, in writing:

Its own Impact Assessment (MoJ036/2025, para 12) states that "repeal alone is unlikely to materially change outcomes."

The same document (para 67) concedes that "Non-resident parents may be concerned... This may be emotionally costly to parents."

Its own Equalities Statement warns: "There is a risk that such inbuilt

biases impact the decisions made in court and therefore how the repeal

of the presumption will impact in practice."

Its own review, published 22 October 2025, examined 245 judgments and 29 parents.

They are removing a safeguard, and telling you in writing that it will not help.

So we say: IF YOU REPEAL, REPLACE.

Not with a presumption. With a duty. And with the reforms that should have come with it in the first place.

ARTICLE II

THE SIX DUTIES

These are the minimum. They are not radical. They are what any accountable system would already do.

- A duty to record outcomes in every family case involving a child.
- A duty to record the sex of the parties, the advisers and the judiciary.
- A duty to publish that data annually.
- A duty to report to Parliament on the effect of the repeal.
- A duty to safeguard the child's right to both safe parents.
- A duty to count the harm — including the deaths — that follows contact loss.

Repeal is a subtraction. We are asking for the addition that should have

ARTICLE III

THE MANDATED SAFEGUARDS

The replacement, in full.

The Six Duties are the floor. This is the building. This is the schedule of mandated reforms Dads Against Discrimination puts before Parliament as the replacement for Clause 17.

A. JUDICIAL AND LEGAL SYSTEM REFORM

The Significant Proof Threshold for Mediation Exemption

Mediation remains the mandatory default unless "significant proof" of domestic abuse is established through objective evidence — a police caution, a criminal conviction, or an active criminal charge. This prevents unverified allegations being used tactically to bypass mediation and trigger a no-contact outcome.

A Default Shared Parenting Objective

A rebuttable presumption of shared physical parenting time as the starting point for child arrangement orders — recognising that substantial involvement with both parents produces better developmental outcomes.

Automatic Removal for Judicial Fraud

A zero-tolerance regulatory mandate for the immediate and permanent removal of any member of the judiciary found liable for fraud,

professional dishonesty, or the filing of false affidavits.

Mandatory Training on Coercive Court Tactics

Evidence-based training for all court professionals to recognise legal and administrative abuse — repetitive filings, strategic non-cooperation, and weaponised unverified allegations — as a specific tool of coercive control.

Enforced Accountability and Sanctions

The swift use of section 91(14) orders and costs awards against parents and counsel who weaponise the legal system to obstruct contact.

Judicial Gender Ratio Reform

Mandatory measures to reform the staff gender ratio within the judiciary and family court professionals, to mitigate the pervasive gendered narrative that views male victims as perpetrators.

B. CAFCASS AND SOCIAL SERVICES OVERHAUL

Staff Gender Ratio Equalisation

A transparent strategy to address the extreme staff gender imbalance in Cafcass and social services, so that assessments are objective and not gender-asymmetrical.

Mandatory Recognition of Children as Victims

Formal recognition that children are direct victims of crimes committed in the court process — perjury, fraud and administrative abuse — as a form of emotional child abuse damaging their long-term welfare.

Mandatory Parental Alienation Recognition

Explicit recognition and documentation of parental alienation

behaviours as a verifiable form of emotional child abuse and severe

harm, within the Child Impact Assessment Framework.

Specialised Perpetrator Pathways

Dedicated, trauma-informed treatment pathways for female

perpetrators — ending the practice of misreferring them to victim

support groups.

C. CLINICAL INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION

Mandatory Suicide Risk Screening

Standardised mental health triage and clinical suicide-risk

assessment for any parent in contested proceedings lasting beyond six

months, or following severe contact denial.

Integrated Proactive Mental Health Support

Mental health support treated as a necessary public health

intervention within the Family Justice System, with funded

therapeutic pathways to prevent paternal mortality and generational

trauma.

Healthy Relationship Education

Mandatory, non-gendered relationship education in schools — conflict

resolution and emotional regulation — to break the cycle before it

reaches the courts.

D. CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT OF COURT-INDUCED FRAUD

Any fraudulent affidavit or administrative sabotage identified within

the Family Justice System is referred for criminal investigation.

THE COUNTING GAP IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

You cannot fix what you do not measure. And in the United Kingdom, the state has decided not to measure.

The Ministry of Justice does not record the biological sex of the judiciary. It told us so, in writing: there is "no business need or legal requirement to do so." (FOI 251006028, 31 October 2025.)

The Ministry of Justice cannot produce non-molestation order data by sex.

Cafcass does not record the sex of the applicant or the perpetrator in domestic abuse cases.

Domestic abuse MIAM exemptions have risen from 7,591 to 9,993 in three years — a 31.6% increase. (FOI CAF26-45606.)

Meanwhile, in England and Wales:

The male suicide rate is 17.6 per 100,000, against 5.7 for women. (ONS, 2024.)

7,147 people died by suicide in 2024. Roughly three in four were men. (ONS, 2024.)

We are not asking for a new figure. We are asking for someone whose job it is to find out what the figure is.

This is not an accident. It is an absence. An absence of a duty to count.

ARTICLE V

WHAT PARLIAMENT IS BEING ASKED TO DO

Vote against Clause 17. Or vote to replace it.

Add the Six Duties to the statute, so that outcomes, and the sex of the parties, the advisers and the judiciary, are recorded and published.

Adopt the Mandated Safeguards as the replacement, not a vacuum.

And do it before the repeal takes effect, not after the damage is counted — because on the Government's own admission, nobody is counting.

PART TWO — THE WORLD

The United Kingdom is not alone in this. It is the same absence everywhere, at every level, in every country.

ARTICLE VI

THE NUMBER

We estimate it could be as many as 4 million men's lives lost to suicide every year.

Nobody knows, because nobody has ever been given the job of counting.

Many countries do not record deaths at all, let alone suicides. Nobody has ever been given the job of

counting.

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ARTICLE VII

A UN FOR MEN & BOYS

There is a UN for women. There is nothing for men and boys. Not an agency. Not an office. Not a programme. Not a budget line. Nothing, in any UN document, at any level.

Half the world demands representation in the United Nations — and significant global funding to end the male suicide epidemic.

A UN for Men & Boys. An agency. An office. A budget line. A seat at the table. Inside twelve months.

Why is there a UN for girls and not boys?

Twelve months is not ambitious. It is overdue. The world built emergency infrastructure in weeks when it decided to. It found the money. It found the bodies. It found the mandate. It has simply never decided that men and boys are an emergency.

We are deciding for it.

EMERGENCY DECLARED.

**HALF THE WORLD DEMANDS REPRESENTATION IN THE UN
NOW.**

HAPPY TO BUY MASKS, NOT HAPPY TO INVEST IN SMILES.

NOT LESS FOR WOMEN. JUST SOMETHING FOR MEN.

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