

## **Change of documentation including passport**

Most identification, including your driver's licence, bank details etc., can usually be updated simply through making a formal change of name to a gender appropriate name and presenting that document to the organisation involved. They should usually change the gender signifier also. This means if you change your name from Jane Doe to John Doe your bank cards will change from Ms Jane Doe to Mr John Doe. It will be important, of course, that you are living in role full time when you do this in order for you to be able to use your new ID.

The exception to this is your passport which will require a letter from your Gender Specialist clinician stating that you are living in your preferred gender role absolutely all of the time and are likely to remain so. If appropriate, we will provide these free of charge after we have completed our assessment. This will be some time after the third appointment, known as the network meeting.

Birth certificates are a 'historic document' and should not normally need to be produced for day-to-day life as other ID can be substituted. If you do wish to change your Birth Certificate this can be done after you have a Gender Recognition Certificate (details can be found on the gender recognition panel reports page, found on the left hand side menu).