

## CAUSES OF CONCERN FOR PARENTS

*Asleep at the Wheel: An Examination of Gender and Safeguarding Schools* is a recent report by POLICY EXCHANGE. Freedom of Information requests were made to 304 schools in ~England. Among the main findings of the report are the following:

- Only 28% of secondary schools are reliably informing parents as soon as a child discloses feeling of gender distress.
- 33% of secondary schools did not say they would inform their designated safeguarding representative or a medical practitioner when a child discloses gender distress.
- Four in ten secondary schools operate policies of gender self-identification.
- At least 28% of secondary schools are not maintaining single-sex toilets, and 19% are not maintaining single-sex changing rooms.
- 69% of secondary schools are requiring other children to affirm a gender-distressed child's new identity.
- 72% of schools are teaching that people have a gender identity that may be different from their biological sex.
- 25% are teaching that some people or children 'may be born in the wrong body'.
- 30% are teaching pupils that a person who self-identifies as a man or a woman should be treated as a man or woman in all circumstances, even if this does not match their biological sex.