Baroness Berridge, the Women and Equalities, has provided the following answer to your written parliamentary question (HL3143):

Question:

To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to amend the Equality Act 2010 to require hospitals to provide single-sex services. (HL3143)

Tabled on: 21 April 2020

Answer: Baroness Berridge:

The government is committed to maintaining protections for single-sex services. Hospitals are already able, under Paragraph 27 (5)(a) of Schedule 3 of the Equality Act 2010, to provide such services and the NHS's guidance on <u>Delivering Same Sex</u> <u>Accommodation</u>, published in September 2019, is very clear that hospitals must provide such services, with very few exceptions.

We have no plans to change the Equality Act 2010 to require hospitals to provide singlesex services.

Date and time of answer: 03 Jun 2020 at 12:04.