

ABSTRACT

The diploma thesis deals with the issue of gender identity disorders, specifically transsexualism. The theoretical part defines the basic concepts that are essential for understanding the whole issue and which are used throughout the thesis. It includes a total of five chapters to the topic of transsexuality in terms of psychology and legislation. The first chapter briefly defines the term transsexuality from the perspective of various experts and professional publications, it is devoted to the history and etiology of transsexuality. The second chapter discusses gender identity and factors that may influence the development of identity. The third chapter deals with the process of gender transformation in transsexual subjects from the very beginning of treatment to its termination. The fourth chapter deals with partnership, sexuality and adaptation of transsexual individuals. The fifth chapter looks at transsexuality from the legislative point of view, defines the laws that deal with the issue of transsexualism. The empirical part is devoted to the realized research focused on own experience with coming out, process of gender transformation, environment reactions and partnership relations. The research is of a qualitative nature; it was conducted through semi-structured interviews with 8 of the 16 study participants. The aim of the research was to chart the life of transsexual individuals, their own experience with the process of gender transformation and their partnership or preferences. For the main analysis, there were 6 interviews with the most extensive and specific information used. The research included a pilot interview to examine the topic and to reflect on other issues related to the issue.

KEYWORDS

Transsexuality, gender identity, FtM, MtF, transformation process, gender, qualitative research