Netflix Creates Transgender Resource Site for 'Girl' Film

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Netflix has launched a <u>resource site</u> in conjunction with the arrival of the Golden Globe-nominated film *Girl*.

The Belgian film, directed by <u>Lukas Dhont</u>, tells the story of a 15-year-old transgender girl pursuing a professional ballet career, while preparing for sexual reassignment surgery.

Due to the "sexual content, graphic nudity and an act of self-harm," however, the streaming service has issued both a viewer discretion warning at the beginning of the film, as well as <u>a link to a resource centre</u>.

The website's <u>homepage</u> contains the message:

The actions portrayed in this work of fiction are extremely dangerous and should not be attempted. Genital mutilation, hormone overdose, and acting against trans-competent medical advice are life-threatening behaviors likely to make gender-affirming surgeries impossible. Safe options and transgender resources exist if you or a loved one wish to medically transition. If you are considering self-harm or suicide, support is available. You are not alone.

Additionally, there are links to the <u>Trevor Project</u> and <u>TrevorSpace</u>, as well as to <u>GLAAD's</u> <u>Transgender Resources page</u>.

There is also a short feature with Nora Monsecour, whose own story inspired the film.

"My name is Nora Monsecour. The film *Girl* is inspired by my journey to become a professional dancer," she said in a statement. "While we were making this movie, we sought to capture some of my experiences; that said, it is but one portrait of a life in the trans community. I want to remind you that if you are struggling there are people who can help. You are not alone, and you are part of a strong, beautiful, and resilient community."