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NEWSPAPER boss Alan Ward made the news himself yesterday . . . by turning up to work dressed as a woman. He arrived wearing make-up and with cascading blonde hair—to help him prepare for a sex-change operation.

Father-of-two Alan, deputy editor of the Chelmsford-based Essex Chronicle, shocked his colleagues. They had always regarded him as "one of the lads."

One said: "He had quite a reputation as a womaniser and would have a drink and throw darts with the rest of us."

### Appalling

General manager Norman Smith said: "I spoke to Mr Ward last week and his intention was to go ahead with the operation."

His doctor has told him to behave and dress like a woman."

Yesterday journalists held a two-hour meeting to discuss the matter—then gave Alan an overwhelming vote of confidence.

Alan, of Norwich Road Maldon, refused to discuss his changing ways. And his wife was missing from their home.