



# PRIDE+ Bulletin

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**The aim of this current awareness bulletin is to provide a digest of recent guidelines, reports, research and best practice on LGBTQ+ issues**

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### News

#### **'Conversion therapy' groups spend £2M on lobbying and promoting practice in soaring costs since promise to ban the "abusive" practice**

##### **Queer AF**

Groups promoting so-called 'conversion therapy' in the UK increased their spending by 165% between 2019 and 2023, according to new research. As many as 1 in 5 LGBTQIA+ people have experienced the practice, which in some cases can amount to a form of torture.

#### **Doctors' union votes for 'identity-based care' despite warning over lawfulness**

##### **Perspective**

At the BMA's annual representative meeting in Liverpool, a majority of members voted in favour of a motion said to centre on "respect, safety and dignity" of LGBTQ+ doctors and patients. The vote reflected the 'deep passion within the profession for delivering truly personalised care', the BMA's Dr Latifa Patel said.

#### **Genocide prevention group issues 'red flag' over UK's treatment of trans people**

##### **Pink News**

Genocide prevention group the Lemkin Institute has issued a "red flag" alert in the UK over the government's treatment of trans people. In a statement, a spokesperson for the group argued the continued attacks against the community speak to a "broader process of erasure" bolstered by a "media narrative that has fuelled hostility to and debate about the humanity of trans and intersex people."

#### **NHS launches first ever review to tackle LGBT+ health inequalities**

##### **NHS England**

The NHS has launched its first ever review to tackle health inequalities experienced by LGBT+ people, including access to mental health care, cancer screening and primary care services. The detailed work, announced today, will help the NHS understand how it can do more to meet the needs of LGBT+ people, including understanding barriers to accessing healthcare and the impact of LGBT+ health inequalities on outcomes and patient safety.

### Guidelines, Policies and Reports

#### **LGBTQ+ Britons less likely to feel safe in public than straight Britons**

##### **YouGov**

Importantly, seeing the Pride flag displayed makes queer Britons feel safer. The show of solidarity helps LGBTQ+ Britons feel more secure, with two thirds (67%) saying that



seeing the Pride flag displayed in small public settings (like coffee shops, outside people's houses, etc) makes them feel safer in that area.

### **LGBTQ+ learning framework**

#### **Skills for Care**

This learning framework for working with LGBTQ+ people in later life aims to provide a base for identifying the insights, knowledge, understanding and skills that the social care workforce need to help them work affirmatively, inclusively and effectively with individuals from gender and sexually diverse communities.

### **What trans and non-binary people told us about GP care**

#### **Healthwatch**

Evidence suggests that transgender and non-binary people often experience poorer health outcomes than the general population. But what barriers do they face to high-quality care? And what would remove those barriers? People told us about administrative hurdles and harmful assumptions about their experiences.

### **Research briefings**

#### **LGBTQ+ patients stay up-to-date on preventive care when their doctors are supportive, saving money and lives throughout society**

##### **The Conversation**

When LGBTQ+ patients are unsure if they can be open about their identity and related health needs, it becomes more difficult for them to access high-quality health care. In our recently published research, my colleagues and I found that how LGBTQ+ people are treated at the doctor's office has a measurable effect on whether they stay up to date with lifesaving preventive care like flu shots, colorectal cancer screenings and HIV testing.

### **Published research**

#### **Factors Associated With Psychological Distress in Parents of LGBT+ People [Email [ulth.library.lincoln@nhs.net](mailto:ulth.library.lincoln@nhs.net) to request]**

##### **Family Process**

Several studies have shown that parents of atypical children have poorer mental health than others. However, little attention has been paid to the health of parents of LGBT+ people. The present study therefore looked for factors that may generate psychological distress in the parents of LGBT+ people.

### **Harming children: the effects of the UK puberty blocker ban**

#### **Journal of Gender Studies**

This paper presents an analysis of data from trans children and young people and their parents following the imposition of a UK-wide ban on puberty blockers. The consequences of this ban on trans and non-binary children and young people are analysed revealing very serious adverse effects, less than a year after its imposition, including sharply declining mental health, increased depression, social isolation, anxiety, stress, self-harm, school avoidance and suicide ideation.

### **"How am I Going to Live? How am I Going to Pay Rent?": A Mixed Methods Investigation of Employment, Stigma, and Financial Hardship Among LGBTQ+ Cancer Caregivers**

#### **Cancer Control**

Employment changes among cancer caregivers are common and can result in financial hardship. LGBTQ+ individuals are more likely to live in poverty and experience workplace discrimination than non-LGBTQ+ individuals. This study aimed to assess the impact of caregiving-related employment changes and anti-LGBTQ+ stigma on financial hardship



and describe lived experiences with financial hardship and related employment changes among LGBTQ+ cancer caregivers.

### **Blogs / Commentary / Editorials / Opinion Pieces**

#### **[EDI: Wake up and smell the coffee](#)**

##### **BMJ Leader**

Too much employer-based activity on EDI is performative, driven by good intentions not by evidence-based practice. That has to change. It has to demonstrably be about improvement not just compliance, about uncomfortable discussions and measurable outcomes anchored in moral courage.

#### **[LGBTQ+ parents face trauma, says mother](#)**

##### **BBC News**

Parents from the LGBTQ+ community face "trauma and discrimination," a mother from Sussex has said. A recent survey found more than half (56%) of LGBTQ+ parents face negative comments about their families.

#### **[Pride in an LGBT+ Affirming Retirement Community](#)**

##### **Royal College of Nursing**

This Blog looks at Tonic, at Bankhouse, the UK's first LGBT+ affirming retirement community, offering a safe, inclusive space for older LGBT+ people to live with dignity and pride. Beyond housing, it fosters belonging, combats isolation, and champions systemic change in housing and care.

#### **[The media and advertising industry's role in rising transphobia](#)**

##### **Queer AF Podcasts**

This year, for the first time since tracking began, Trans+ rights in Europe retracted, instead of grew. In the UK, hate crimes towards trans people are up nearly 1400% in the last decade. What is the media's role in rising transphobia?

### **Books / Audiobooks**

*A selection of newly published books from the LGBTQ+ community. (Please note these are not held by the Library Service but are available from the usual book retailers).*

#### **The Honey Witch by Sydney J. Shields**

The Honey Witch of Innisfree can never find true love. That is her curse to bear. But when a young woman who doesn't believe in magic arrives on her island, sparks fly in this deliciously sweet debut novel of magic, hope, and love overcoming all.

#### **Pride and Prejudices: Queer Lives and the Law by Keio Yoshida**

Internationally acclaimed human rights lawyer Keio Yoshida uncovers the ongoing battle for LGBTQ+ rights, how far we've come, and how much further we have to go.

#### **We Could Be Heroes by PJ Ellis**

When American actor Patrick arrives in England, finding love is the last thing on his mind. Starring in a blockbuster superhero movie, he's on a strict filming schedule, which does not include coming out as gay. But when Patrick meets Will – a local bookseller and drag performer, whose charm is impossible to resist – the temptation for a secret romance has never felt stronger.