# PRIDE+ Bulletin

## August/September 2026

**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

90% of LGBTQ+ organisations worldwide have lost funding since January 2025, report shows
**GCN, September 2026**
According to new research, 9 in 10 LGBTQ+ organisations around the world have experienced a reduction, suspension or complete loss of funding since January 2025.

Grindr pays £26m to settle UK lawsuit over allegedly sharing users' HIV status
**The Guardian, September 2026**
Grindr will pay £26m to settle a lawsuit brought by thousands of users in the UK who allege that the US dating app shared highly sensitive personal information, including in some cases their HIV status, with advertising companies.

Locum suspended for refusing to dispense to trans woman patient
**C+D, August 2026**
The locum pharmacist was handed a six-month suspension for refusing to dispense prescribed medication to a gender transitioning patient while working at a Superdrug.

Two thirds of straight women are unwilling to date a bisexual man
**YouGov, September 2026**
YouGov research shows that 48% of Britons have a positive opinion of bisexual people, and that only 8% have a negative view. However, even among straight women who say they have a "very positive" opinion of bisexual people, 46% still say they would be unwilling to date a bisexual man.

UK: Revised Code of Practice risks institutionalising discrimination against transgender and gender-diverse persons, warn UN experts
**United Nations, August 2026**
UN human rights experts today warned that the UK's revised Code of Practice for Services, Public Functions, and Associations may place transgender and gender-diverse persons at heightened risk of discrimination and exclusion.

## Guidelines, Policies and Reports

Advice For Businesses on Supporting Transgender and Non-Binary People in Workplace Facilities
**Trans in the City**
This document has been created in conjunction and with discussion with several experts

in discrimination and employment law and is combination of their opinions and interpretations as the law stands to date.

LGBTQ+ Suicide Awareness Training
**Zero Suicide Alliance**
This course is for anyone who wants to better understand suicide risk in LGBTQ+ communities - including LGBTQ+ people themselves, allies, friends and family members, and those working in professional or community roles. Our hope is that more people feel equipped to recognise when someone may be struggling and can offer meaningful, compassionate support.

Older LGBTQ+ people
**The Centre for Aging Better, August 2026**
Older LGBTQ+ people have lived through, and been instrumental in progressing, extraordinary social and legal changes. Now in their later lives, they face the overlapping challenges of ageism and the ongoing effects of a lifetime of homophobia and transphobia, which can significantly affect their wellbeing and quality of life.
(See also: BBC article on this report)

Trans Issues and Later Life
**Age UK, July 2026**
This factsheet provides information and advice about later life for trans people. The focus is on growing older for people who have transitioned and live permanently in their acquired gender, or who are considering transitioning and gender reassignment.

## Published research

International healthcare professionals' competence in caring for LGBTQ+ children and young people: a combined qualitative and quantitative approach
**Archives of Disease in Childhood, August 2026**
Healthcare professionals report positive attitudes but limited knowledge and preparedness. Clinicians are motivated to provide inclusive care but system-level support, structured education and skills-based training are required to translate intent into competent, inclusive clinical practice.

## Blogs / Commentary / Editorials / Opinion Pieces

Know Your Rights
**TransActual**
This page summarises general legal information relating to the rights of transgender and/or non-binary individuals under the law in England, Scotland and Wales. This information represents our understanding of these rights at the time of publication.

Know your rights: What to do if you're stopped, challenged or photographed
**Anne Health, August 2026**
Practical guidance for trans people on your rights, what to do if you're challenged in a toilet or changing room, and where to get help if something goes wrong.

Like any health issue, queer people need a unique approach to nutrition
**Queer AF, September 2026**
One of the most common questions I am asked as a nutritionist specialising in queer health is: 'Why do LGBTQIA+ people need a different approach to nutrition?' It is a reasonable question, but it is not always asked with genuine curiosity or intellectual humility.

Loneliness: Dr Ranj Singh on the gay epidemic we don't talk about
**Attitude, September 2026**
Loneliness is surprisingly common among queer people. Whether it's rejection from family, moving away to find acceptance, relationship breakdown, ageing, body image pressures, the transactional nature of dating apps, or simply feeling like you don't quite belong, loneliness can quietly creep into our lives.

Section 28 2.0: A complex web of anti-trans guidance that will make it vastly harder to overturn
**Queer AF, September 2026**
Schools have begun implementing guidance and curriculum which requires them to segregate Trans+ pupils, while teachers are banned from "encouraging" pupils from 'questioning their gender', in a rulebook which many view as directly parallel to Section 28.

The Beauty of Transition | QueerAF presents We Are Queer Health Summit 2026
**Queer AF, September 2026**
Transition is never just one thing. It's physical, emotional, and spiritual all at once. This panel brings together voices who will share the vulnerable truths of their journeys, exploring both the challenges and the profound self-discovery that comes with change. It's about honouring the difficulty, celebrating the beauty, and recognising transition as a deeply human act of becoming.

Why Pride is facing a backlash - from inside and outside the LGBT community
**BBC News, August 2026**
Over the last few years, a number of councils have withdrawn their support for Pride festivals, while some big brands have become hesitant to associate themselves with them. On top of all that, there's a long-running complaint from some LGBT campaigners that Pride has become overly commercialised; while the argument over trans issues has also made matters more fraught. It's leading some to ask: what future do Pride events have?

## 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).***

**Bury Our Bones in the Midnight Soil by V. E. Schwab**
From the bestselling author of *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* comes a spellbinding queer love story following the desires and dreams of a trio of enigmatic young women.

**Spawning Season: An Experiment in Queer Parenthood by Joseph Osmundson**
Since grade school, Joseph Osmundson dreamed of being pregnant. As he grew into the queer scientist he is today, the economic precarity of academia and the warming planet led to his decision not to reproduce. That is, until a lesbian couple he had known since college came to him with a proposition: would Joe be a bio-dad and would he co-parent alongside them?

**Shy Trans Banshee by Tony Santorella**
The much-anticipated follow-up to word-of-mouth bestseller *Bored Gay Werewolf*! Brian, Nik and Darby - three friends practiced in fighting supernatural crime (when Brian's not committing it as a werewolf once a month) - have been sent to London to try to track down a missing colleague.