



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

[Draft conversion practices bill loopholes make it "instruction manual for abuse"](#)

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After years of promises, delays and U-turns, the government has finally published its draft bill on banning conversion practices. Although it has been welcomed as a historic and long overdue step in the fight against abhorrent anti-LGBTQIA+ abuse, broad and vague loopholes have raised serious concerns that it is a ban in name only and queer people will continue to face risk and suffer harm.

[EHRC says 'sex questioning' will be "rare and exceptional" – but evidence suggests it's increasing already](#)

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The chair of the EHRC has claimed in a letter to a Labour MP that sex questioning under the updated Code of Practice will be "rare and exceptional". Academic research and accounts of lived experience dating back more than a decade show this is not the case – and suggest it is becoming more common

[MPs vote to let puberty blockers trial go ahead, after a Commons debate that exposed deep divides over trans young people's care](#)

Scene Mag

A Conservative attempt to block the government-backed Pathways clinical trial was defeated 283 votes to 112 on Tuesday, after MPs from across the House gave some of the most personal and passionate speeches Westminster has heard on trans healthcare in years.

[Reporting about British Medical Association critique of Cass Review was 'factually wrong'](#)

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When the British Medical Association's long-awaited review of the Cass Review was published, the media said it had "dropped its opposition" and "vindicated" Cass. But, according to doctors who were on the BMA's review team, that's not what actually happened.

[Sexually transmitted diarrhoea spreading rapidly among some networks of gay men in the UK, study finds](#)

University of Cambridge



Many men who have sex with men remain unaware of the growing risk posed by sexually transmitted Shigella, say researchers, as a new study shows variants are spreading quickly in the UK and evolving resistance to key antibiotics.

Guidelines, Policies and Reports

["Still Not Illegal": Evidence of modern-day conversion practices from Galop's frontline services](#)

Galop

In a world-first-study of conversion practices using frontline service data, "Still Not Illegal" reveals the stark reality of modern-day conversion practices in the UK. Galop's new research offers a unique insight into how conversion practices often intersect with or 'hide behind' other forms of abuse and violence, especially domestic abuse.

Published research

[Breaking the script in healthcare to improve care for LGBTQ+ people with serious illness](#)

BMC Palliative Care

LGBTQ+ people experience bias, stigma, and discrimination during interactions with healthcare providers. Highly-scripted systems limit how people share critical information about themselves, their values, and their goals of care. Practicing person-centered communication and narrative-eliciting skills, instead of imposing scripts, opens safer spaces for patients and caregivers to assert their truths.

[It is Not Just About Being Queer: Intersectional Risk of Suicide and Premature Mortality in Later Life Among LGBT Veterans](#)

The American Psychologist

Suicide is a serious public health crisis, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) adults are at particularly high risk. The present study examined risk factors for mortality by suicide and other causes in LGBT versus non-LGBT middle-aged and older adult veterans who used Veterans Affairs health care services between 2009 and 2019.

[Sexual Orientation and Burnout Among Emergency Medicine Residents](#)

JAMA Network Open

In this cross-sectional study of 7852 emergency medicine residents, those who identified as a sexual minority reported higher burnout, particularly internal burnout, compared with heterosexual peers. These findings indicate that targeted support for sexual minority trainees is needed to improve physician well-being, training experience, and patient care.

Blogs / Commentary / Editorials / Opinion Pieces

How to improve the cancer care experience of LGBTQ+ people [email ulth.library.lincoln@nhs.net to request]

Cancer Nursing Practice

Improving the experience of people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and of other sexual and gender minorities (LGBTQ+) in cancer care begins with recognising that inequalities still exist and that many patients arrive in healthcare settings expecting discrimination. Making patients feel comfortable requires a consistent approach rooted in awareness, communication and inclusion.

[LGBTQ+ Workers 'Face Distinct Retirement Challenges and Opportunities'](#)

Workplace Wellbeing Professional

New research suggests that LGBTQ+ employees are approaching retirement with different expectations, concerns and support needs compared with their heterosexual peers, raising important questions for employers, pension providers and workplace wellbeing strategies.



[Pride means more than saying the right thing](#)

British Medical Association

The words are familiar by now. Visibility. Inclusion. Safety. Belonging. None of them are wrong. A badge, a poster, a pronoun, or a small change in wording can make someone feel less guarded in a consultation. But the easy part is saying the right thing. The harder part is noticing the assumptions that sit underneath ordinary healthcare. Who we imagine the patient is. Who we imagine their partner is. What kind of family we think they have.

[STATEMENT: EHRC code of practice for services, public functions and associations](#)

British Medical Association

The Supreme Court judgement has had widespread negative implications for trans and gender diverse people, resulting in limitations on their access to single-sex spaces that align with their gender. The new Code of Practice has codified this exclusion by recommending that service providers offer a 'third space' to trans people, placing huge pressure on service providers to police individuals' identities and which facilities they use.

[The small changes that make healthcare safer for LGBTQ+ patients](#)

British Medical Association

Emma Beeden reflects on how inclusive language, visible allyship and small acts of reassurance can help LGBTQ+ patients feel seen and respected

[What is solidarity, really? And how can you do it justice?](#)

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Allyship, solidarity. They're words that are banded around a lot. Allies often ask how to show solidarity, and marginalised queer and Trans+ folks try their hardest to give ever-increasing practical insights. But what do those words, really mean? How do you do justice to the work?

[What people with intersex traits want you to know](#)

The Conversation

While people with intersex variations are included as the "I" in the umbrella term LGBTQI+, they are often overlooked or misunderstood. Having innate variations of sex characteristics is not a sexuality and is not about gender or identity.

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).

Deep House by Jeremy Atherton Lin

It's 1996, and Jeremy, a young American, has met the British boy of his dreams — just as, amid a media frenzy, US Congress prepares the Defense of Marriage Act, denying same-sex couples rights including immigration.

Logical Family by Armistead Maupin

In this long-awaited memoir, the beloved author of the bestselling Tales of the City series chronicles his odyssey from the old South to freewheeling San Francisco, and his evolution from curious youth to ground-breaking writer and gay rights pioneer.

Bromantasy by Máire Roche

An adorable cosy queer romantasy about a hopeless guy, his very capable BFF and an inadvisable quest with an unexpected ending, Bromantasy is perfect reading for all fans of Legends and Lattes and the Baby Dragon series.