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Banning conversion practices

What people think



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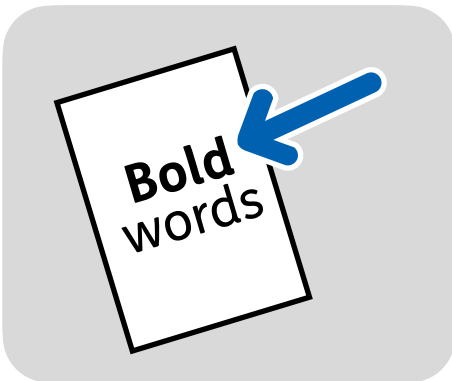


This is an Easy Read version of some information.

It uses easier words and pictures.



Some people may still want help to read it.



Some words are **bold** to show they are important.



We explain bold words if they are hard to understand.

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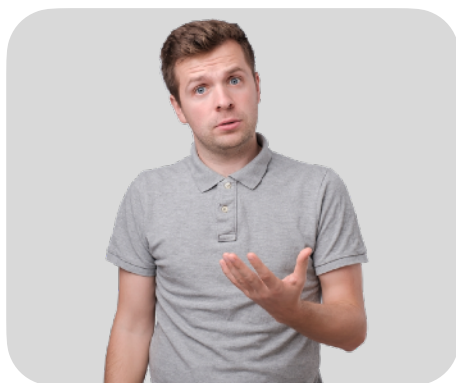
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About this booklet



This booklet is from the Government.



In 2021, the last government asked people how they think **conversion therapy** should be stopped.



We now refer to conversion therapy as **conversion practices**, to cover a broader range of issues.



Conversion practices are acts that intend to change if a person is LGBT or not.



LGBT stands for **l**esbian, **g**ay, **b**isexual and **t**ransgender.



Lesbian means women attracted to other women.



Gay means men attracted to other men.



Bisexual means being attracted to both men and women.



Transgender means someone who has changed their gender.



We have now looked at what everyone said about how we can stop conversion practices.



This booklet will explain what people said.

How we asked people what they think



To find out what people think of how we can stop conversion practices, we shared a **survey**.

A **survey** is a set of questions for you to answer.

Our survey asked people:



- How they feel about conversion practices.



- What they thought about our plan for making conversion practices a crime.



Our survey also asked people what they thought of the punishments we had suggested for organisations that carry out conversion practices.



28,569 people filled in the survey.

Lots of different people filled in the survey, including:



- LGBT people.



- Healthcare organisations and religious organisations.

What people think



After looking at everyone's answers, we found out that most people do not agree with conversion practices.

Many people said they think:

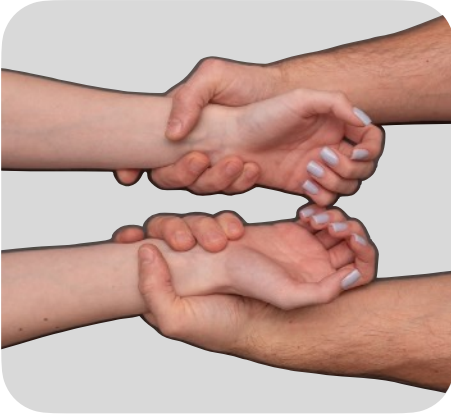


- Conversion practices harm LGBT people.



- There is nothing wrong with being LGBT, so people do not need to be changed.

Physical conversion practices



Physical conversion practices are a type of conversion practices.

It involves doing something physical to a person to try to change if they are LGBT or not.



Sometimes this may be violent.



After looking at everyone's answers, we found out that most people agree that we should stop physical conversion practices from happening.



Most people said they think physical conversion practices would be bad for the victim's mental health in the future.

Making conversion practices a crime

After looking at everyone's answers, we found out that most people:



- Agree that conversion practices should be a crime.



- Agree with our suggested punishments for people who carry out conversion practices.

When we asked people if we had forgotten to include anything:



- Some people said that we should not allow conversion practices to happen in churches or other religious places.



- Some people said that we should make it clear that we are not stopping people from getting proper types of therapy.



- Some people said that we should not mention conversion practices that try to change people who are not LGBT to be LGBT.

Media and advertising



Media means ways to share and show information, like TV shows, radio shows and films.



Advertising is how a business tells people about things it wants to sell, for example by putting adverts on TV.



After looking at everyone's answers, we found out that more than half of people thought the media does not do enough to stop conversion practices from being on television.

We also found out that:



- Some people said they had seen some type of media that they felt supported conversion practices.



- More than half of people thought advertising rules do not stop conversion practices from being in adverts.



- Some people said they had seen an advert that they felt supported conversion practices.

Support for people who have gone through conversion practices

After looking at everyone's answers, we also found out that:



- Most people thought there is not enough support for people who have gone through conversion practices.



- Just over half of people supported our plan to improve support for people who have gone through conversion practices.

Public services



Public services are services that help people in everyday life, like the police or the NHS.

After looking at everyone's answers, we also found out that:



- Only some people thought public services were doing enough to stop conversion practices.



- Very few people thought public services were doing enough to support people who have gone through conversion practices.



We also found out that most people thought public services should do more to support people who have gone through conversion practices.

Find out more



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www.gov.uk/government/organisations/office-for-equality-and-opportunity



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