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What we found out from people who have experienced conversion practices

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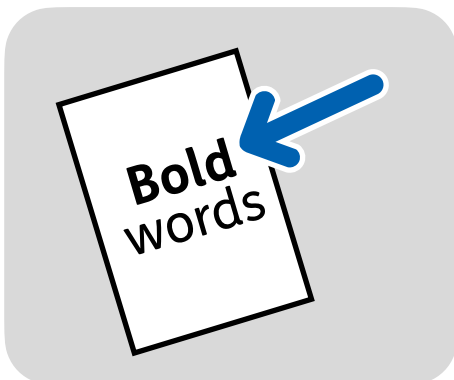


This is an Easy Read version of some information.

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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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.



This booklet will explain what we found out.

What we found out



820 people told us that they had gone through conversion practices.



Most of these people were gay or lesbian.



Fewer were transgender.

Most of these people were also:



- Male.



- Christian.

Most people said:

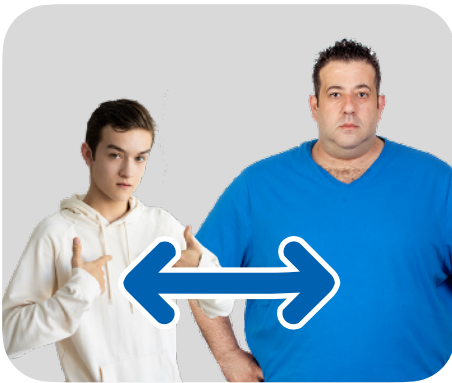


- The conversion practices they went through were run by a religious organisation.



- They went through conversion practices in England.

Most people also said:



- They went through conversion practices when they were aged between 11 and 34.



- They went through conversion practices after 1980.



- Their conversion practices tried to change them from gay to straight.

People said their conversion practices usually involved:



- Religious activities.



- Types of therapy that are unfair or wrong.

Such as conversations where a person tells someone that being LGBT is wrong or an illness.

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