

LGBTQIA+ Healthcare in Swindon



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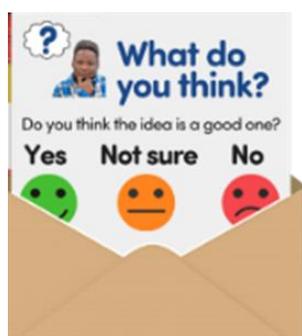


This report is about healthcare experiences of **LGBTQIA+** people in Swindon.

This report has been created by Healthwatch Swindon.



LGBTQIA+ means lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and asexual. The + means that it also includes lots of other identities.



Healthwatch Swindon listens to people using health and social care services and makes sure their voices are heard by those in charge.



Information about LGBTQIA+ healthcare

unfair



In the UK, 3 – 5% of people and 10% of young people are LGBTQIA+. They often face problems in healthcare, like unfair treatment and no support.



Many LGBTQIA+ people don't tell their doctors about their identity.

This can affect their healthcare. Sharing can lead to better health outcomes.

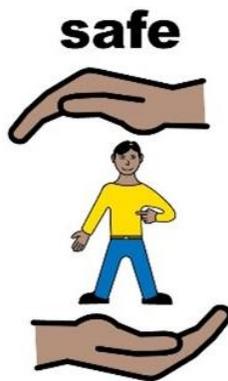


61% of people who spoke to Healthwatch told their doctors that they are LGBTQIA+.

38% did not.



What did LGBTQIA+ people tell us?



Rainbow lanyards and kind words help people feel safe. Many worry about being judged and avoid the doctor because of this.



People want doctors to learn about LGBTQIA+ lives.

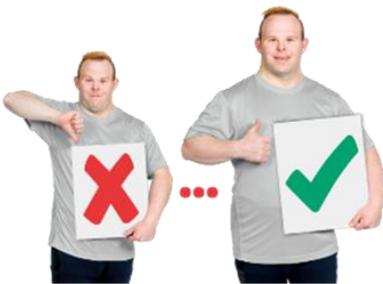


Special training can help doctors give better care and make people feel comfortable.

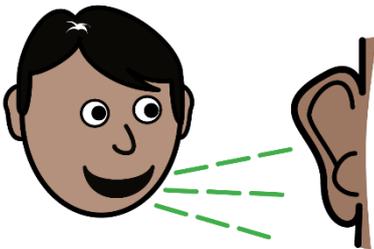
Recommendations



Improve healthcare and make sure it is safe and respectful for LGBTQIA+ people.



Listening to them can help improve healthcare for all.



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