

"Conversion therapy": Know the Facts

"Conversion therapy" is still legal in the UK, putting LGBTQIA+ people at risk of harm.

"conversion therapy" is an umbrella term for a therapeutic approach, or any model or individual viewpoint that demonstrates an assumption that any sexual orientation or gender identity is inherently preferable to any other, and which attempts to bring about a change of sexual orientation or gender identity, or seeks to suppress an individual's expression of sexual orientation or gender identity on that basis.

- Memorandum of Understanding on Conversion Therapy in the UK

In the UK:

- *Approximately 5% of LGBT people have been offered "conversion therapy", and a further 2% have undergone it.*
 - *51% of them received it from a faith organisation or group.*
 - *19% of them received it from a healthcare provider or medical professional.*
- *These figures increase to 8% offered it and a further 4% undergone it for transgender people.*

- UK Government, Gov.UK & National LGBT Survey

In a US Study:

- *Approximately 7% of non-transgender LGB people have experienced "conversion therapy".*
 - *81% of them received it from a religious leader.*
 - *31% of them received it from a healthcare provider.*
- *Compared to LGB people who hadn't experienced "conversion therapy", people who experienced "conversion therapy" had:*
 - *92% greater odds of lifetime suicidal ideation.*
 - *75% greater odds of planning to attempt suicide.*
 - *88% greater odds of attempting suicide resulting in no or minor injury.*

- Williams Institute, ULCA School of Law

"The major therapy professional bodies in the UK have been united in speaking out against conversion therapy, considering it unethical and potentially harmful."

- UK Council for Psychotherapy

As of December 2022, **only 22** countries have implemented bans on "conversion therapy".