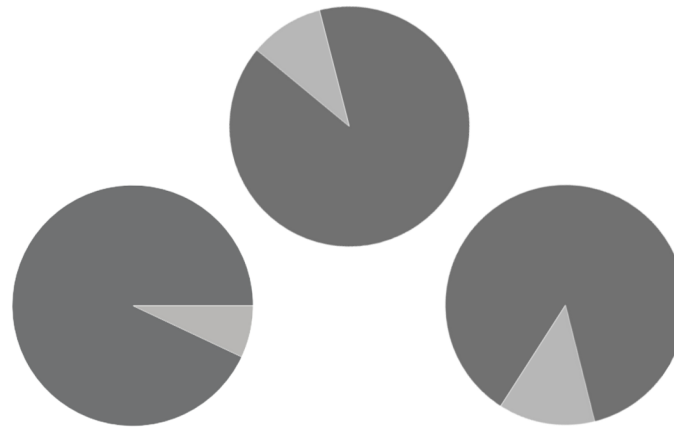


Hear what one survivor has to say

"I will never live a life having not gone through so-called 'conversion therapy'. I will never live a life where I haven't been traumatised and hurt because of who I am"

"I went through about three months of hell, which left me scarred – both mentally and physically"



7% of LGBT people have been offered or undergone "conversion therapy".

10% of asexual people have been offered or undergone "conversion therapy".

13% of trans people have been offered or undergone "conversion therapy".

- National LGBT Survey

What is "Conversion Therapy"?

And what can we do?

What is it?

"Conversion therapy includes medical, psychiatric, psychological, religious, cultural or any other interventions that seek to change, "cure", or suppress the sexual orientation and/or gender identity of a person."

- banconversiontherapy.com

"The term 'conversion therapy' covers a vast array of pseudo-psychological practices, from talking therapies – that encourage a person to believe that their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression is somehow wrong, disordered, or potentially 'sinful' – to physical abuse, beatings, or the use of so-called 'corrective rape'".

- Stonewall, 2022

"Conversion therapy" is abuse against LGBTQIA+ people.

The Facts

- "Conversion therapy" is a form of **abuse**.
- "Conversion therapy" practices are **still legal in Britain**, and cause long-lasting harm to their victims.
- The International Rehabilitation Council for Torture list "conversion therapy" as **torture**.
- There is a Memorandum of Understanding condemning "conversion therapy", which has been signed by all major UK medical organisations.
- The United Nations Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity noted that: "**Young people are disproportionately subjected to practices of 'conversion therapy'**".
- "Conversion therapy" happens everywhere: in healthcare settings, in religious settings, in homes, even online.
- "Conversion therapy" goes by many names: reparative therapy, gay-cure, ex-gay/ex-trans ministries, and more.

Support is available at:
banconversiontherapy.com/support

What you can do

- Talk to your MP to ask them to support a complete legislative ban on "conversion therapy" (banconversiontherapy.com has an online form to help with this).
 - A ban on "conversion therapy" *must* be comprehensive and protect *all* LGBTQIA+ people.
 - A ban must recognise that there is nothing wrong with LGBTQIA+ people, and they cannot be "cured".
 - A ban must cover religious and healthcare settings.
- Vocally support LGBTQIA+ people and causes, ensuring that LGBTQIA+ people are safe from harm.
- **If you or someone you know are in immediate danger or at risk of being unsafe, call 999 and seek emergency support.**