

Question 4: If you feel comfortable, please provide an example of the discrimination you experienced in relation to health, community services or aged care [Optional]:

Blood donations

I was repeatedly misgendered by nurses in a public hospital despite my efforts to correct them

Feeling like the dentist did not want to treat me because I answered the at risk of HIV questions (in the 90s)

Was misdiagnosed and stuffed around by specialists who blamed my problems on being trans/fat without actually investigating.

I had a sore throat and my GP suggested that it may be because men weren't designed to suck cock. I had post-breakup anxiety and my GP suggested that it was because I wasn't really gay.

I had a male doctor replace my female doctor for the day I had an appointment without being notified and when I told him I was a lesbian after he asked me about my sexual activity he had a startled reaction and I felt judged. He then refused to bulk bill even though I am always bulk billed through my doctor who he was replacing for the day. I had a concession and medicare card, I was a low income earner. He had no reason to refuse.

I have received many instances of refusal of care or denial of optimal care by health professionals because of my sexuality. But the one that still traumatises me is when I went for a Pap smear with a female gp and she inserted her fingers into my vagina (for what I now know is an optional test) without telling me. I screamed and told her to stop, but she continued saying people like me like this kind of thing...she raped me. While looking at me in the face. Because I am gay.

Doctors are rude to me

Every time I donate blood I am required to disclose if any of my male intimate partners have been in a male on male sexual relationship.

Medical professionals told me when seeking help to get Pre Exposure Prophylaxis that I was basically not slutty enough to warrant it. Then proceeded to chastise me for having oral sex without the use of condoms at a clinic in Parramatta.

About 15 years ago, I'd injured my back one evening. A nurse at the hospital insisted on wearing gloves when she entered my cubicle, and attempted to draw a blood sample "because it was procedure". I set her straight & demanded to speak with the senior Director of Nursing. Never saw that particular nurse again.

I am conscious of avoiding private religious health care providers. I feel that as institutions, public health care providers are very good but I am also at the mercy of health care workers personal views of me, many of whom are not afraid to openly share their views without fear of censure for professional misconduct.

The constant assumption when I visit the doctors that because my partner and I have unprotected sex that I could be HIV+.

Medical issues ignored

Had a gp tell me to leave because she couldn't help people like me (for a cold)

I've contacted domestic violence places for support groups and been told 'women only' even though I'm non-binary, assigned female at birth, and don't pass as male. When I've asked where I'm meant to go, they've suggested men's behavioural change programs (I was the victim, I ended up with PTSD!) and then said they had no idea.

Doctors refusing to see me

A gynaecologist (name redacted) refused to treat me because of my transgender status.

being told I was a bimbo by an older male psychiatrist, being told I was too promiscuous by an older female psychiatrist & being refused further treatment because of this

Doctors have refused to treat me, and the local hospital refuses to treat me as well which is a huge problem as I suffer from a severe brain disease and need constant monitoring and I also have epilepsy so any time I have a seizure now, I have to go three towns over which is a 4 HR drive which makes the likelihood of me coming out of the seizures without any problems a lot higher.

Just receiving the odd comment, or stares when my gf comes to visit me.

I had to change my GP after coming out due to the level of discomfort my regular GP made me feel.

No doctor has refused to treat me but I have had doctors refuse to refer to me as a male once they find out, or assume every ailment must be linked to being transgender.

I was hospitalised for a suicide attempt. While there, I was sent a chaplain instead of a nurse to watch me. He spent 6 hours telling me how I was going to hell and how much god hated me and my gender was all in my head.

Have been refused medical treatment. Laughed at by a Dr when I expressed a fear of physical examination. Had my sexuality questioned etc

Over-charged by a service provider in Bondi Junction, earlier this year, before I relocated to Queensland; homophobic service by the female 'Receptionist' when my partner challenged the over-pricing. Community services--too many to mention!

Getting a Pap smear at family planning led to obvious disgust in my sexuality

Had a doctor tell me to stop HRT because it was dangerous, he did not seem to think being trans was real.

Had GRS in Thailand early this year. Since returning, my endocrinologist, psychologist and GP have left me in bad situations when I really needed them because they didn't recognise my state as being high priority. As a result I went without hormones for 2 months, had my suicidal depression ignored and even been accused of transition "regret", and had to find a new GP who actually

cared enough to help find new specialists. I've seen 2 gynaecologists and 1 urologist for post-op support and complications, but have experienced complete lack of knowledge and lack of will to even learn, been totally ignored when I've tried to suggest tests or try to educate, and had my bad experiences both here and in Thailand with the neglectful surgeon basically ignored and told I was being a sook. After 12 months I have finally found a GP now though who prescribes hormones and actually knew exactly what the complication was from the symptoms I described, and was shocked over my experiences this year with other doctors.

Doctor telling me I should not get PBS for testosterone because its a lifestyle choice not a medical condition

Visiting a doctor at 15 and being told wanting a HIV test was a waste of my doctors taxes. It was not necessarily directly because I was gay, but I feel this played a part in his unwillingness to okay the test.

I think having to get diagnosed with gender dysphoria and have your life torn open by a psychologist is fucking pretty discriminatory. It's bullshit. My body, my rules.

When I tried to seek help for my ADHD, I had a doctor refuse to assist me because I was trans and kept insisting the two were related. They are not.

Official forms and identification do not allow me to input the correct gender, and the frameworks surrounding the change of gender on forms of identification are deliberately overcomplicated and impossible without confirmation from a doctor, and even then the doctor might not be comfortable confirming that information (more discrimination, hooray!) or, more likely, the people in charge of helping change your documentation may be dismissive if you haven't medically or surgically "transitioned".

Haven't been exposed to targeted discrimination yet because I'm not out but the health and support services available to me in my area are very limited with respect to the help I need. It's very difficult to find help when you need it.

I was homeless and lived in a youth house. I lived as male and they didn't really want me their because I was trans and no other cis people could share a room with me. Outed me to staff on a regular basis without my permission

Still a strong belief that sex = gender. Surprise/outrage that I sleep with women & not men & inability to help with my sexual health needs bc of that

no health care, discriminated against for being trans. Had to find a specialised doctor that had trans patients in order to access proper health care

Was denied treatment, then continued harassment from GP until I pulled him up on it in front of other patients, at which point he became apologetic & concerned when I threatened to report him to the medical board.

Denial of status of relationship with partner

Local GP basically said go else where to medically transitions they don't want to deal with transgender patients

I saw an Immunologist in 2006, named [redacted] who became obsessed with my Intersex status even after it became clear it wasn't related to my auto-immune condition at the time. He would ask personal questions, how did I have sex? What does my genitalia look like? Constantly requesting to do examinations and unnecessary tests. Eventually when I attended my last appointment he tried again to examine my genitals (which was completely unrelated and unnecessary) and put his hands on my thighs and tried to pry them apart. He is currently on Trial in [redacted] for molesting his female patients over decades with approx 90 plaintiffs. I have reported this to the police which was ignored at the time. Once he was arrested earlier this year I reported the assault to [redacted] detectives again who said they'd interview me properly within 2 weeks. They never followed up with me. I have since tried calling and leaving messages on several occasions with [redacted] detectives without any response. The only people who believed me the whole time was my GP (who quickly got me to see another Immunologist) and my mother. Since the assault I have been on anti-depressants, my GP says I show signs of PTSD and have experienced Anxiety attacks. I feel like I've been let down by the justice system consistently, every time I've needed their help.

Whilst trying to seek a referral to a gender-related psychologist, I was denied the psychologist's contact information and the referral because the GP did not believe I was trans enough and told me "you are very feminine, you look very female for a trans male"

When applying for birth control or going for sexual health check ups it is always assumed that I am straight. When I explain I am not or that most of the sex I'm having is with women I am asked invasive and transphobic questions.

I had an anal issue (not related to any anal sex) and the hospital Dr asked very sternly if I was gay. When I said that I was, his whole manner changed and he appeared to be judging me.

Cooperating a joint health insurance membership. Due to not being first applicant on account, staff member told me they could only speak with the biological mother of my child. Cut conversation short with teleoprater asked for supervisor, who apologised profusely. Asked if company had diversity policy. They agreed they did. I requested the operator undertake training again. Supervisor also spoke with me regarding matter they had rung to discuss.

I was denied the right to donate blood because I am a trans woman, who was at the time in a sexual relationship with a trans man. While he was recognised simply as a man, I was only recognised as a woman in some respects; when it comes to sexual relations, they consider me equivalent to a man, hence he was deemed homosexual and an increased HIV risk, making me, also, an increased HIV risk.

I was asked if I was in a relationship and what not and gender during a visit to a new and local doctor, I said yes and gender non binary and I was put down as single and female. Single because my partner was a woman and the system didn't have an option for same sex couples and it was "easier"

I was refused medical attention after being taken to emergency via ambulance when one of the nurses noticed I was a victim of a gay bashing. She complained to head of triage despite other nurses explaining I'd done nothing to warrant removal the head of triage had me kicked out of [redacted] hospital

Certain doctors have had homophobic tones when performing sexual health checkups.

In 2005 I was involved in a car crash which necessitated a precautionary visit to the emergency dept at [redacted] in Perth. An orderly could not contain his mirth at me being a transgender person and kept commenting about it and laughing at me several times over a period of hours while I was required to stay motionless on my back awaiting a spinal scan.

The Salvation Army wouldn't let me join their youth program because of my sexuality

GP refuses to contact me unless I make an appointment since I asked for a referral to an endocrinologist for HRT

I was asked about my sexual orientation by a medical practitioner - which, although it is hard to answer - was nice that the possibility of me not being cisgender was considered. Then, however, my doctor turned to his desk and muttered the words "a homosexual" as he typed it into some notes on my medical record. Other friends of mine who identify as lesbian and queer have experienced much worse. One partner was not allowed to stay with the other as she was not considered family.

Refusal of services.

Pretty low key, but when I got my hrt meds last time it took them half an hour to sort my prescription. Several other customers went in and out before I got mine

The continued ban on blood donorship

Refused testosterone by multiple endocrinologists, because there are no trans clinics and "hormone doctors" do not understand *trans needs (some only specialise in particular health concerns, such as diabetes or thyroid.)

a dentist refused to let me sit in the dental chair then provided a plastic kitchen chair for me to hear his hate

Dv situation cops didn't take a woman abusing a woman seriously

Being told in a sexual health clinic that a sti test including hiv was a gay mans disease and she would not be doing the test. Having my female partner not being able to be with me in emergency because it was family and partners only. (Had no family in the region at the time)

The fact I can't donate blood is discrimination.

Having no services for DV Support to get help after a 8 yr DV relationship. Mainstream services having no understanding of LGBTIQ relationships/ community

I have been given odd looks, have actively tried to seek help and have been given links that lead to completely unrelated topics ie plants. Have been laughed at and made to feel dirty, have had off duty nurses talk about my diagnosis to other people in the community etc

Not feeling safe or comfortable to disclose being non-binary. Feeling stigmatised and shut down when I did.

Service delivery not as forthcoming and helpful due to my orientation and lessened likelihood of parenting.

I attempted to start an LGBT group in my hometown and was at first told I would not get the support of the local community development centre due to my group being 'exclusive' (there were other groups that could be considered exclusive, eg an all girls group). This changed quickly however as the person in charge is supportive of LGBT rights and I faced no more issues getting support from my council.

Not receiving adequate medical treatment in what is supposed to be a capital city (I am in Canberra, had to go to Sydney to see a psychiatrist for gatekeeping (my childhood and relationship with my family has nothing to do with me being trans or not), and then had to wait 4 months before I could get a doctor who would prescribe hormones). Have experienced 'trans broken arm syndrome' often, and GP has refused to even get blood tests done to check hormone levels because he assumes everything will be fine

When I was 18 I received subpar treatment at a Hospital after having a heart attack

Gyno visit

I was in a psychiatric ward for severe mental health issues and I mentioned that I was queer. The registrar fixated on it and tried to make it out that my sexuality was the root of all my problems. He tried to pathologise it.

It was only subtle... But I did get told by a straight male doctor when I asked for an HIV test not to see him again.

Clear judgement by a nurse when asking probing (and medically necessary) questions about sexual history.

I was told that the therapy would "fix" my being trans

A GP at [redacted] in Adelaide referred to the practice of anal sex as 'illicit behaviour'

I didn't realise that gay people are still not allowed to donate blood in Victoria, and was refused.

I was treated very rudely by a rheumatologist (who had up until then been quite nice) after I asked him to refer to me by my real name, as opposed to my deadname. I feel he took me less seriously, and didn't receive the treatment I needed

I have been lucky wrt health practitioners generally but I have had demeaning comments about my gender from psychologists, including one at a nominally queer friendly practice (!) Several psychologists I've seen also didn't accept my asexuality and treated that as a pathology.

JobSearch benefits cut off with no explanation had to wait hours then told it was back on forced to go on stress management course

I was at the doctor regarding my reproductive health and it was less overt and more to do with my past sexual activity not counting as 'real'.

I always get told the reason I'm a lesbian is because I have depression and can't think clearly (it's not wonder I'm depressed...) on my file mental health has that I'm confused with my identify even though it has been exactly the same my entire life? Mental health workers tell me stuff about God thinks that's wrong blah blah blah, they know I'm an atheist.

Not being able to donate blood

Inaccessibility of centrelink in regards to gender and name change

When I was a patient, I was asked in a loud voice by a Hospital Admin officer how I wish to be addressed, yet I had fully transitioned 2 years prior. I was fully presented as myself.

Came out of a gay bar and tried to catch a taxi, taxi refused service.

I've been denied medical treatments for my gender dysphoria by transphobic doctors and psychologists

Offered my sperm. And my blood. Didn't want it cause I told them I was gay, despite saying they had a shortage of it.

Local GP became uncomfortable when I mentioned I was on PreP.

The forms for the hospital allowed you to state your gender (they included 'other' options and transgender options), however, when attended to by the nurse, this was read but ignored, and she stated 'ok, so you're female'

After the attempted rape and murder, the psychologist I had to see in order to compile a report for the police, and victim statement, was obsessed with me being a lesbian, not with the crime committed against me. When I saw the report I was horrified as she'd written a whole report on my sexuality not the effect of being attacked. I told the legal aid group and asked that it not be given to the court till it was redone but they refused and handed it over anyway despite my wishes.

A GP I went to see had no information on what Transgender was and spoke about Caitlin Jenner. I also had a session with a counsellor who referred to me as having a split personality when they found out I was Transgender.

Private hospital nurse was homophobic.

My Partner was not able to come into post op to support me. Despite asking several times and seeing the husband ushered in.

After spilling my emotions to a GP which I had to do to start the process of transition , he turned to me and said do you really want a hairy man on top of you

It was in pursuit of assisted reproductive services (IVF) where the clinic [redacted] were unwilling to assist us as a same sex couple.

A doctor was dismissive of my health concerns and wrote me off as an HIV magnet for being transgender.

Being a gay muslim i fear for my lifr

My wife was in emergency at [redacted] Hospital and the doctor did not want to discuss with me her condition or provide me with a carers certificate because of our sexuality

Doctor called me a homo, and multiple doctors being uncomfortable discussing sexual health issues once finding out my sexuality.

Being told by a doctor that I am more prone to disease because I am homosexual

While an inmate in the mental health unit, the doctor assigned to me was very uncomfortable when my partner was in the room. And even though I gave permission, he would not treat my partner with respect or discuss my care with her.

My partner and I are trying to access fertility treatment and were told we were not able to due to our infertility being a life style choice and not a health problem.

Psychiatrist treating my asexuality as disorder

No publicly funded transgender health services exit for adults in SA

I was being detained under the mental health act at the [redacted] hospital where I was assaulted both physically and psychologically by the security staff under the guise of self protection and restraint. The deliberate use of inappropriate pronouns and any reference to myself even to go as low as calling me "it"

All psychologists I've seen have been transphobic and or homophobic and invalidated [sic] my experiences because of that

Attended a general community BBQ event in the Onkaparinga council land and experienced strong negative reactions (from people just shaking their heads to people making comments like 'they should bring back the gas chambers') from people who were both racist and homophobic as i attended the event as an openly gay man with an openly gay first nations person. Also heard people make a comment "that is just not right".

My first psychiatrist was a gatekeeper who denied me access to services essential to transition.

I'm a trained registered nurse and dental nurse, impossible to find work in my profession due to my transgender status perceived to be affecting my patients attitudes towards me when I've seen no such proof

Blood services kept contacting me for blood donation then would refuse it because i was gay female with partner from South Africa.

I am a registered aged care nurse, and I had a few resident who refused to let me help them because 1. I'm a girl. And 2. I'm bisexual.

Talking about sex with GPs and health providers, there's an assumption that sex is only with the opposite sex and that nothing else is sexual. Even when in a monogamous same sex relationship doctors would assume and ask questions about male sex partners and dismiss my actual partner. le, could you be pregnant? When they know I'm a cis woman only having sex with a cis woman. Psychologists were the worst, though. I have serious mental illness and part of the problem was sexual assault trauma and problems with harassment and discrimination because of being bisexual. The psychologists told me that it didn't exist and that I had to choose and that "if you want women it means you need mothering in your relationships so work on that with men". Dangerous lies.

When I see my GP in relation to my hormone replacement therapy they make little comments that make me feel uncomfortable because they don't 100% understand my transition

My GP is great, but the receptionist at the office refuses to use correct pronouns when addressing me. The GP always apologizes and says he will talk to her ...

Lots of doctors are very LGBTQI phobic. Some are accepting and kind but it's like no doctors actually have a clue about it.

In psychology, had a psychologist who was rather obsessed with proving I wasn't "really gay"

My partner and i had our son in a catholic run public hospital [redacted] two years ago. In prenatal classes, most of the educators were inclusive and great - but another refused to look at me or treat me like a parent. She kept referring to partners as Dads, and didn't ever include me in any of the conversations or activities in our very small group (to the point where other couples commented on the awkwardness). The support/education programs run for those whose partners have given birth is gendered/marked as for Dads - and I was told by staff that they had nothing to offer me as they didn't think it would be appropriate.

A doctor raised her voice at me saying I had to tell her if I was a lesbian because she should know, I never went back it disturbed me so much, my body, my right to disclose

A friend was told she could no longer have me accompany her to church every Sunday because one of the girls there told them my sexual preference and my partner's gender.

I attempted to access an STI check that could be done via mailing in samples as a local clinic was difficult to access. Was told bluntly that because I was gay I couldn't use their service. Whatever, fuck it it's seriously getting easier to just order STI tests via mail, like the NBN or Centrelink or the Census this govt is hopeless.

Apparently just cause I'm gay I can't donate blood, even tho I get tested all the time probably more times then and straight person would in their life time

The dr had religious beliefs that wouldn't allow him to treat me for hormones he was up front and I was grateful for his honesty

I've gone to GPs in the past who have changed their behaviour toward me, and assumed certain types of behaviours, when my sexual identity has been revealed. These weren't overt cases of discrimination, but they did lead to discomfort.

"We don't treat lesbians here." "I bet your lesbian partner [me] wouldn't even see a male doctor."

My counsellor didn't "believe" in LGBT people or issues and told me I just needed to "get a job, join a gym and eat healthy"

I can't give blood because I am gay. This is incredibly unfair, it makes me feel dirty. The blood should all be screened anyway. Women are penetrated and can still give blood... This needs to change.

I was told that i should "put off" being bisexual because i had bigger mental health issues to worry about. Ive been turned down by three doctors who were unable to help me because they didnt know how to handle a transgender patient. I was sent away from hospital with no pain medication after a horrendous menstrual cycle that caused massive bleeding and excruciating pain because "it was probably just the testosterone kicking in"

Once again, I would put it under the banner of a cocktail of sexism and homophobia.

At a hospital where my partner of over ten years was not accepted as my next of kin. I had to put my son down

Refusal from staff to use my preferred name, which is also my legal name just not on all my paper work yet

Gay men are not allowed to give blood if they've had sex within the past year. It is alienating and presumptuous

Disclosing that I had a same sex partner opened me up to extra medical testing before procedures, including unnecessary HIV testing unrelated to my procedure.

GP refused to treat me because I changed my name even though I was there for other health reasons.

A GP at my local health centre treated me with caution and wrote a ridiculous warning on my medical file for anyone to see. "Warning: Homosexual relations".

The strange look and awkward conversation someone makes as they realise you may be queer. I have STI check ups done at a pathology lab because the clinic is too far without a car. The techs are sometimes cool but they see I am on PrEP.

It was assumed that I was having a lot of sex due to my sexual orientation, and that I smoke and do drugs.

My job in regards to 14 was with a religious org and it ran aged care services. The org wouldn't not recognise an aging couples relationship and they were placed in 2 separate care homes

While at the doctors i was getting a sexual health check and upon finding out my sexuality i was spoken to very rudely

I find there is latent discrimination throughout the health profession. In my late 20s, I developed a large fibroid. My straight male doctor was very excited about it because I was his first lesbian patient with one, despite my sexuality being completely unrelated to my condition.

Not allowed to give blood

Nurses using double gloves when taking blood.

Not under this heading but . . . As a footnote, I am heading to Tasmania in two weeks to officiate at a ceremony between two lesbian women. They are having their ceremony in Tasmania because one high profile wedding venue in the Dandenongs refused to allow them to have their ceremony there because they "only allow ceremonies between a bride and a groom"; two other wedding venues made it so difficult that they two women chose to move to interstate for their ceremony

Had a psychologist who said they were happy to take on a gender diverse client, but tried to relate everything back to dysphoria, had out of date information about non-binary people, and constantly forgot to use my pronouns, referred to my "physical appearance" to explain dysphoria and my poor self esteem.

A doctor was bombastic when I presented at ED when he learned I was HIV +. He just carried on about my HIV Status and not the issue I presented for

Local doctor told me that I couldn't go on the pill to stop my painful periods due to endometriosis because I was not in a sexually active relationship with a man, hat because I was lesbian and not at risk of falling pregnant there was no need to be put on the pill

A GP refused to test me for HIV as he had "better things to do than take care of sexually promiscuous people like" me. I had not told him anything about my sex life apart from the fact that I was gay - this was purely a homophobic assumption on his behalf. He suggested I go to a free sexual health centre in the city instead.

Was at a hospital after becoming very ill and my girlfriend was holding my hand. Once my nurse noticed, her attitude towards me changed and she told me that "friends" couldn't visit

Most doctors are totally clueless about how to treat trans people.

Asking for STI tests at my local medical clinic, the doctors often act in a way that makes me feel unwelcome and uncomfortable after they ask my sexual orientation and I respond with 'homosexual'.

In a psychiatric ward I got told that my being gay was a part of my mental illness and a contributing factor to my depression

I was refused for a counselling service because the organization was religion based and insisted they wouldn't work with someone that was beyond help like me.

I was referred to by a receptionist to one of her co-workers as 'a dude who wants to cut his d*ck off.' The other replied with 'well, you don't want those types to breed.'

GPs not understanding Non-Binary identity and medical intake forms with only two gender

options.

I have had a doctor tell me that I shouldn't get a papsmear because I had never had sex with someone who had a penis, which is just wrong information and could be detrimental to my health. This denial was also mixed with her confusion and homophobia around the fact that I was queer and I felt very uncomfortable and shamed.

being continually misgendered and deadnamed at a hospital. while my girlfriend was in hospital and had come in via ambulance I was denied access to her / the ability to see her while she was in the emergency department because a receptionist didn't believe we were partners / clearly thought I was 'just a friend'. whereas every other time people admit I'm her partner I'm allowed to see her

the entire process for getting access to gender related assistance is transphobic

Centrelink requires me to be registered as male and under my un-preferred name because of my birth certificate.

It was more a lack of understanding rather than discrimination. When being asked as to whether protection was used during sexual intercourse I explained that I was in a same sex relationship with another woman, they looked at me shocked, fumbled their words and told me to make sure I used condoms when using toys. It was an uncomfortable experience and I feel as if the health care provider should have been given more training when providing advice to same sex couples.

I was critically ill and my partner was ignored by hospital staff as my next of kin

Can't donate blood

Questions about birth control and pregnancy once I said I'm sexually active and being spoken to about dangers of unprotected sex

A doctor suggested a re-do of an std check. I said ok, and he mentioned that it was because of my sexuality rather than anything not that. I left.

I was admitted to a Melbourne hospital, the [redacted], to have a major operation to remove pancreatic cancer and to redesign my digestive system. That meant a long period, ultimately six weeks, of recovery and convalescence in hospital. I later heard from a nurse who was my main nursing carer that none of the nurses wanted to be my primary nurse in the case allocation meeting. I had a female partner as my next of kin in the medical records and my sexual orientation was in a previous record from only a couple of weeks before. That young nurse had volunteered because she was in her first relationship with a woman, had no concerns and was looking forward to chatting with me. I was totally appalled hearing this. It was a huge operation that left me totally dependent on nurses for weeks. I cannot begin to think why they were so reticent to volunteer, not having met me, and especially as I was in a long-term relationship, other than their fear of the unknown and different.

I've had psychiatrists and psychologists and doctors tell me that my identity isn't real or valid, and that I need to stop using those labels because they're not useful or are harmful...

My partner was being treated for cancer and when called for appointments, called Mrs. So who

does that make me?

when phoning to make an appointment at a msm sexual health clinic, i was asked (presumably because my voice sounds quite feminine) if i was 'sure i wanted an appointment, because it was a service for MEN who have sex with men'. they were happy when i confirmed yes, and when i showed up for the appointment, the staff i saw were great. but i was super anxious to call in the first place, and nearly hung up when they asked that question.

I was unable to talk to my doctor for fear of ridicule.

I was informed that due to being bisexual, I was at a high risk of STD's, regardless of the fact that I am married and in a monogamous relationship.

Being refused hormones. Being called "one of those people"

Doctor calling being transgender a 'phase' and telling staff of my 'wish' to be known as the name I use

Medical receptionist at a well known north shore hospital refused to call me by my preferred name which at present differs from my Medicare card name. I explained I'm Transgender but they point blank refused, stating they could only use the name as stated on my Medicare card!

Doctor's have made me feel uncomfortable on a few accounts, even with subtle scoffs or signs of disagreement when my sexuality is brought up.

My psychologist refused to believe that asexuality was a thing saying that everyone wants to have sex, it's human nature. They then refused to treat me until I "stopped lying about being a lesbian"

Asked invasive, irrelevant questions about my body, and my intentions around surgical interventions. Refused to donate blood. Because blood donation is a purely altruistic act, this makes one feel apart from the community. The policy of the local blood collection organisations is to treat all transgender people like gay men, irrespective of the sex they were assigned at birth, the state of the individual's legal document, the individual's genitals, etc.

Refused opportunity to participate in community charity work at Christmas because of being transgender.

Was prevented from getting access to medical treatment and to start my transitioning for over 6 yrs by doctors.

As a health care worker myself, I was discriminated at work.

Having babies in a lesbian couple more than thirty years ago - we were regularly treated with great disrespect

Because I am open about being gay, I have been repeatedly advised by health practitioners to have an HIV test when consulting them about a range of health issues that have no relation to HIV. Of course, I have had HIV tests and would do so again if I thought I had been at risk.

Comments from a doctor about gay men's sex lives when being treated for STI

I once went to get a sexual health test at MSHC and the male dr I saw was very judgemental

Dr being careless

It's more about heterosexism and heterocentrism really. Stupid and ignorant questions by doctors for example. Nothing serious... just another micro-aggression.

I was almost refused a prescription for contraception because I am a female in a homosexual relationship

Was told that being transgender was a mental illness (after the change from GID to GD in the DSM5) and I was probably just depressed.

I was offered help by the salvation army after I was forced to leave home. I was told that I could just go home, once I mentioned that the cause of my situation was abuse related to my sexuality, the belief seemed to be that I should somehow change my mind and then my parents would accept me.