

This keynote presentation provides an overview of findings from the first national Australian Trans and Gender Diverse Sexual Health Survey, conducted by The Kirby Institute (UNSW) in November 2018.

The survey collected data on trans and gender diverse people's experiences with sexuality, relationships, sexual health care, and how sexual practices intersected with technology, substance use, and gender affirmation.

Findings show a burden of HIV and STIs that challenge the ongoing invisibility of TGD populations in HIV and sexual health policy frameworks, along with several unique barriers to better sexual health among Australian trans and gender diverse people, including insufficient sexual and reproductive health education, as well as ongoing discrimination within clinical spaces.

Conversely, participants showed great resilience, and many described achieving good sexual health and navigating the health system safely and effectively. This presentation will conclude with a discussion of the trans-led nature of this project, and the positive impact that peer-led research has on health research proceedings and outcomes.