

Title: Education for primary care providers on sexual healthcare for trans communities. A needs assessment.

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Background:

ASHM and ACON collaborated to address gaps in education for the sexual health sector identified in the [2018 Australian Trans and Gender Diverse Sexual Health Survey](#). Each was responsible for undertaking a needs assessment to inform development and delivery.

Methods:

ASHM: Participants completed a self-administered survey between 22/06/2021-12/07/2021. Participants were healthcare providers residing in Australia over the age of 18 (N=41).

ACON: Participants completed a self-administered survey between 30/06/2021-12/07/2021. Participants were trans people residing in Australia over the age of 18 (N=222).

Results:

ASHM:

- Average self-reported confidence was higher in supporting trans patients more broadly (mean=3.3, n=35) compared to Sistersgirls and Brotherboys (mean=2.7, n=35).
- Topic preferences that scored the highest were 'Gender affirming care,' 'Trans affirming practice,' and 'Sexual health of Trans communities.'

ACON:

- 75% of participants had visited a health professional for sexual healthcare. 41% of regional respondents (n=33) reported seeing only a GP.
- Participants rated their experiences at LGBTQ+ specific sexual health clinics the highest (mean=4.3, n=53), and Hospitals the lowest (mean=2.3, n=6).
- 76% of participants reported they had delayed or avoided seeking sexual healthcare because of past experiences of poor care.
- 70% (n=154) of participants reported having to educate a health professional on trans healthcare.

Conclusion:

Findings demonstrated the need for further education targeted toward primary care providers on sexual healthcare for trans communities. ASHM and ACON are collaborating to address these needs.

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