

Queer in the North East

Intersecting identities and multiple disadvantage
within health & social care services

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Terminology

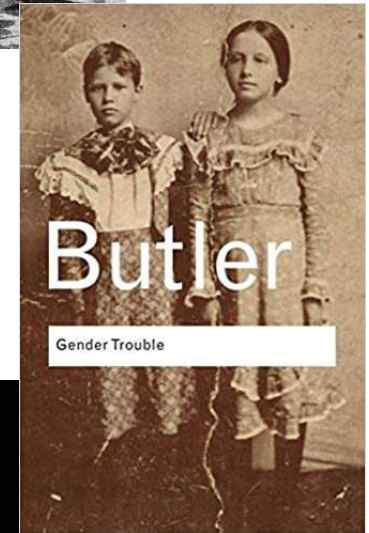
Que(e)ry beliefs about sex and gender

Question the 'supremacy' of biology

Liberation from confines of sex, gender, heteronormativity

Expand our capacity to imagine what is human

(Foucault, 1978; Butler, 1990; De Lauretis, 1991)



Glossary

Queer (LGBT+, LGBTQIA+) a large and diverse grouping of people with diverse, minoritised sexual and gender identities

SMD (Severe multiple disadvantage) additionally marginalised by multiple, intersecting, stigmatised identities

BIPOC = Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour
(Global majority communities, POC, BAME)

		GENDER IDENTITY					
		CISGENDER		TRANSGENDER		AGENDER	
		FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	QUEER	NON-BINARY
SEXUAL ORIENTATION	HOMOSEXUAL						
	BISEXUAL						
	PANSEXUAL						
	ASEXUAL						

LGBT+SMD

Terminology

exp “sexual and gender minorities”/

(sexual orientation or gender identity).mp.
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“sexual orientation and gender identity”.mp.

(non-normative adj (sexual* or gender*)).mp.

((sexual or gender) adj3 minorit*).mp.

(LGB* or GLB*).ti,ab,kw.

lesbian*.mp.

“women who have sex with women”.mp.

gay.mp.

(same adj (sex or gender)).mp.

“men who have sex with men”.mp.

bisex*.mp.

bicurious.mp.

(transsex* or transex*).mp.

transgender*.mp.

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trans person.mp.

cross sex.mp.

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queer.mp.

genderqueer.mp.

“same gender loving”.mp.

intersex*.mp.

intergender.mp.

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agender.mp.

asexual*.mp.

homosexual*.mp.

pansexual*.mp.

“two spirit”.mp.

demisex*.mp.

(gender adj (diverse or non-conform* or identit* or minorit* or transform* or transition or change)).mp. [mp=title, book title, abstract, original title, name of substance word, subject heading word, floating sub-heading word, keyword heading word, organism supplementary concept word, protocol supplementary concept word, rare disease supplementary concept word, unique identifier, synonyms]

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or/1-35

I just get endlessly frustrated with this debate about terminology... the fight should be about... the discrimination rather than the terminology

Wayne Farah (2023)

Background & Aims

LGBT+ people experience increased disease burden and significant health inequalities (Blondeel et al., 2016; Government Equalities Office, 2018; NHS Digital, 2021)

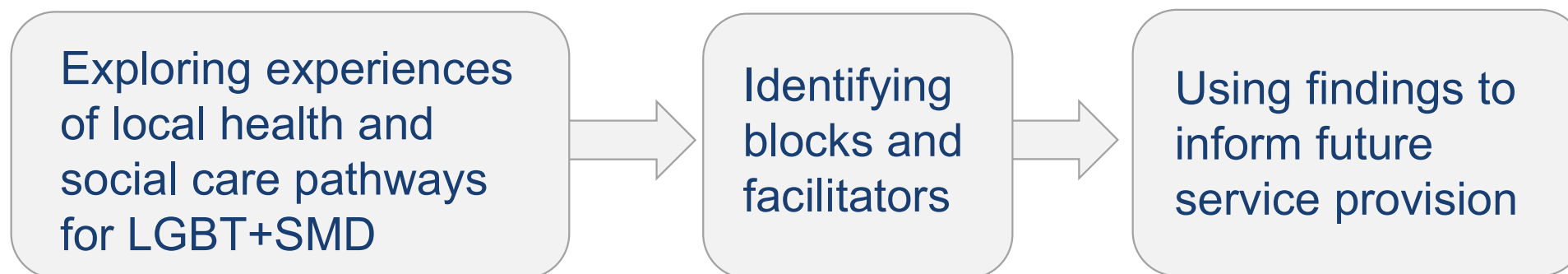
Stigma and discrimination identified across a large number of settings within multiple LGBT+ groups (Ayhan et al., 2020).



(Connors *et al.*, 2020)

Background & Aims

Substantial gaps from an intersectional and local perspective led to aims of:



Methods

Design and setting:

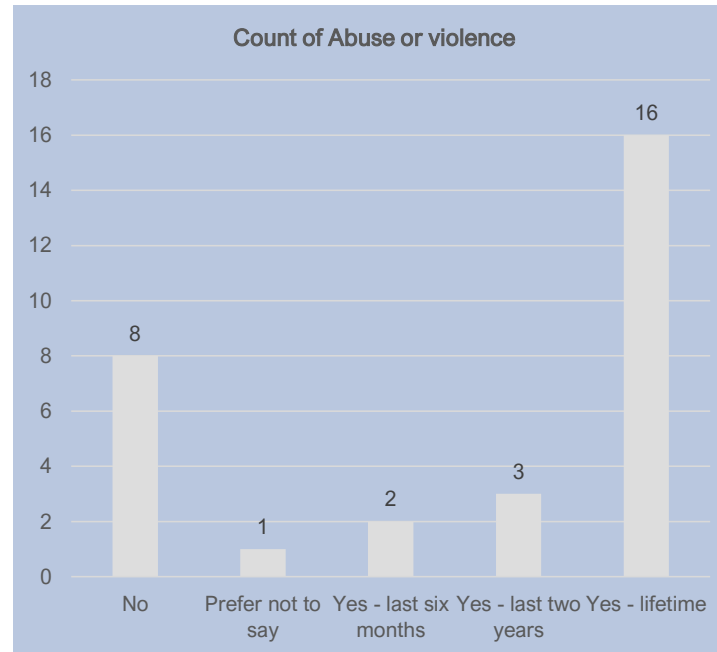
Qualitative, semi-structured interview, including demographic data.

Sample and recruitment:

n=62 (30 LGBT, 32 PROF), 59.5 hours. Purposive/snowball sampling.

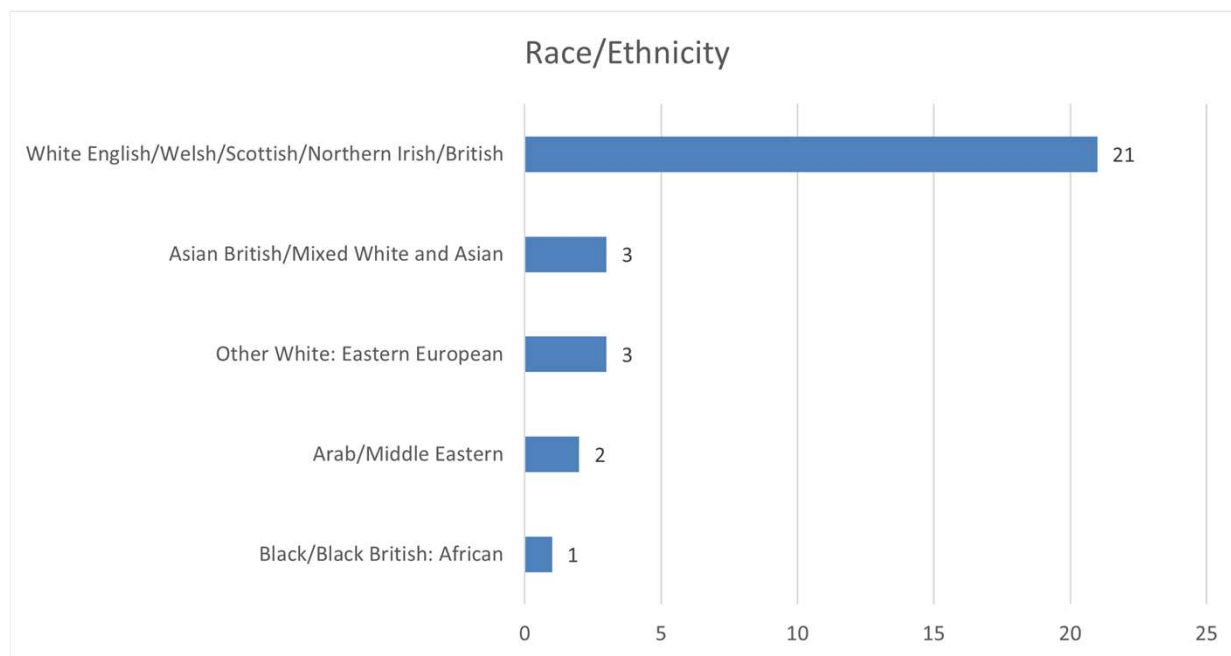
Analysis:

Two discrete, iterative streams. Cross-tabulation in NVivo.



Characteristic (n=30)	n	%
Age		
18-24	7	23.3
25-34	15	50.0
35-44	5	16.7
45-54	1	3.3
55-64	1	3.3
75+	1	3.3
Gender		
Female	3	10.0
Gender queer	1	3.3
Male	9	30.0
Multiple	1	3.3
Non binary	8	26.7
Other	1	3.3
Transfemale	3	10.0
Transmale	3	10.0
Unassigned	1	3.3
Gender identity same at birth		
No	15	50.0
Prefer not to say	1	3.3
Unsure	3	10.0
Yes	11	36.7
Sexual orientation		
Asexual	1	3.3
Bisexual	6	20
Gay man	8	26.7
Heterosexual	1	3.3
Lesbian	2	6.7
Multiple	3	10.0
Non-binary	1	3.3
Pansexual	5	16.7
Queer	3	10.0

Methods



Additional targeted recruitment within global majority communities in progress.

Reflecting on epistemic injustice in the study design?

Public involvement

Social media/website

Steering group

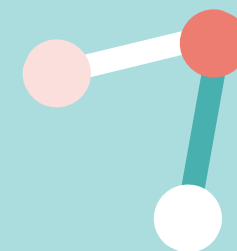
Community engagement

(The right) Public Researchers

Involving members of the public in study design and analysis aimed to bring in the voices of people with recent, or relevant lived experience, thereby providing different perspectives

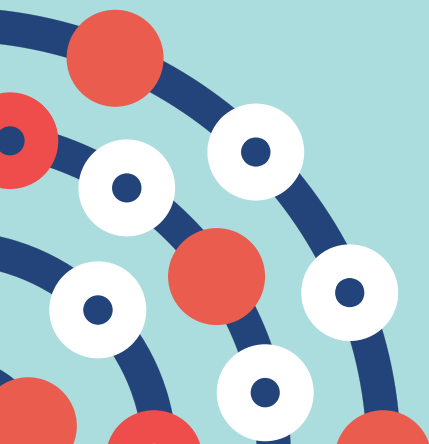
NIHR (2021)





Early-stage findings

(see poster for more details)



Oppression

Enacted at multiple, interacting levels within an intersectional framework

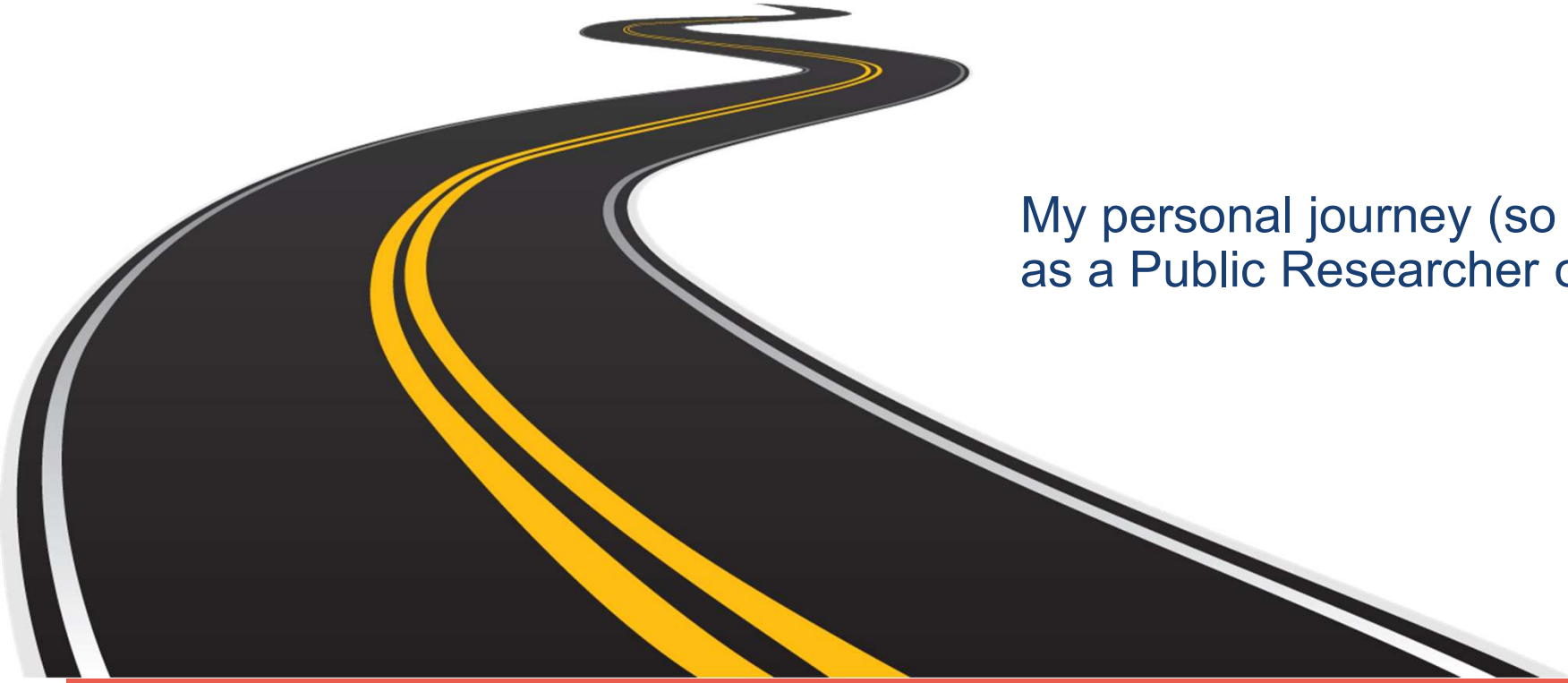
(Collins, 1985; Watermeyer, 2012)



I approached the desk and asked them to put up a poster advertising a new LGBT support and social group. And I was told “oh, but this is a family surgery, we can’t display anything like that” (PR24)

But then I got into an abusive relationship with a woman.... she was hitting me... and they (the police) never treat it as DV, just as somebody hitting somebody else.’(LG11)

Public Researcher



My personal journey (so far!)
as a Public Researcher on this project

Thank you

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