

Older Trans/Gender Diverse Peoples' Health and Social Care Concerns

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The Prime Needs of Trans People

Priority Needs were identified by the community as:

- 1 Housing & Homelessness, Hostels Access**
- 2 Health requirements including Transitioning**
- 3 Personal Safety - Hate Crime, Policing, Safety \ Self Defence Training etc.**
- 4 Employment including Voluntary sector as an entry to employment / re-employment**
- 5 Accessing and use of Public Services**

The Needs & Concerns Older Trans People

- 1 Health requirements for Older Trans people**
- 2 Partner and Family Support**
- 3 Safety on Public Transport**
- 4 Support Groups & Funding for the “T” community**
- 5 Public Services & the LGB Community Education**
- 6 Local Authorities and Trans Inclusion policies**
- 7 Inadequate Legislation & lack of protection for the majority of the Trans community**

Access Concerns of Trans People 1

- **Trans people not feeling empowered to say what they want to say.**
- **Acceptance in the wider community with support provision and Society encouraging Trans People to be out in the community, rather than being hidden.**
- **Inclusion in Service Provision Ex. Not being missed from screening and pro-active health care**
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- **Providers understanding what the TG communities issues are**
- **Providers understanding the Different Types of Trans people and their differing needs – Different Strokes for different Folks.**

Access Concerns of TransPeople 2

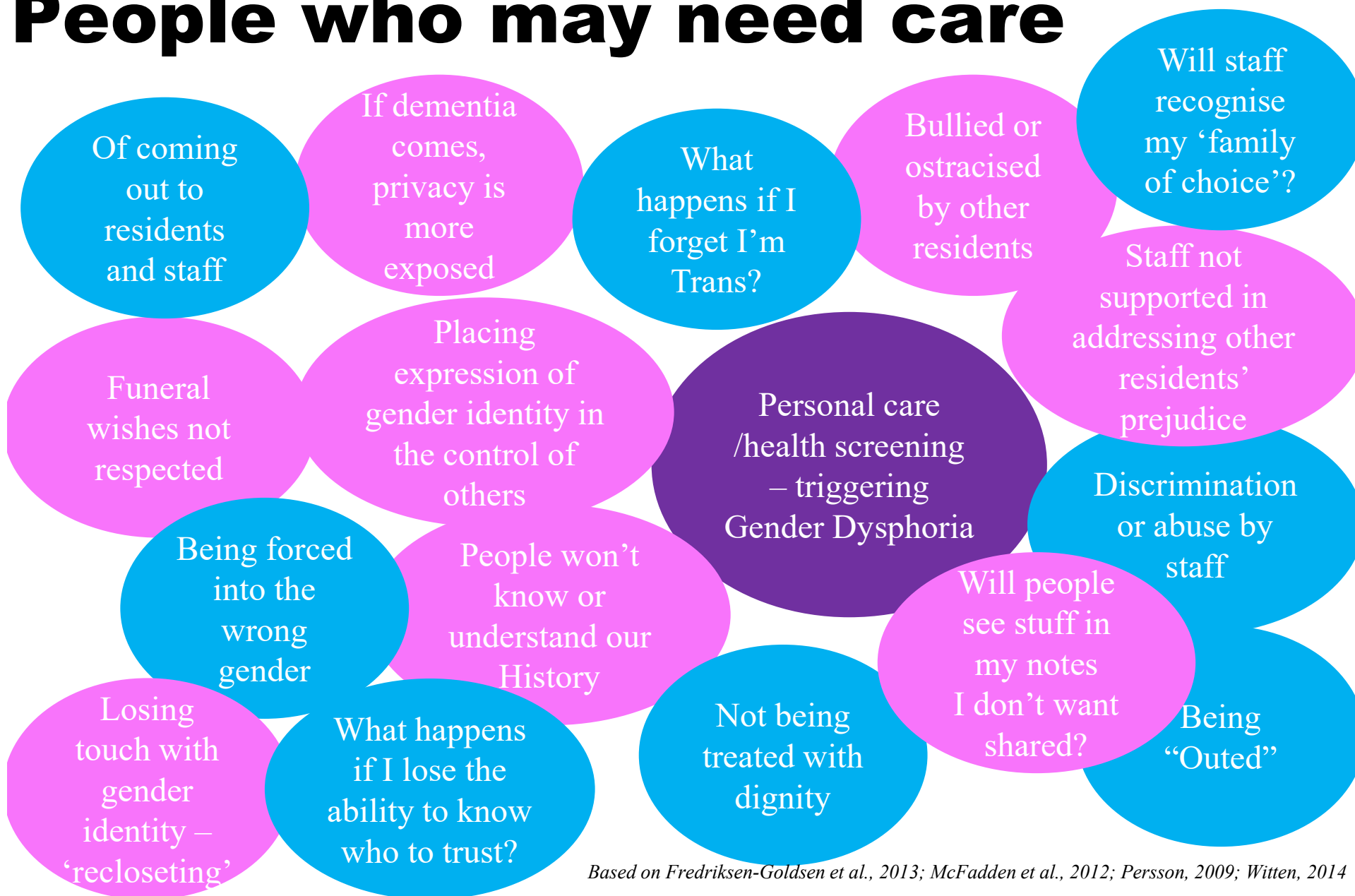
- **Providers understanding the Financial Implications of trans people being outed whilst accessing services.**
- **Providers not Understanding how the Equality and Human Rights Legislation works in Practice**
- **Improving Religious Acceptance.**
- **Lack of legal Protection for many Trans people esp. Non-binary people**
- **Educating society, not just having laws**

Access Concerns of TransPeople 3

- **Better Provision of LBGT+ services & support, by T / LGBT support groups- pooling resources, collaborating with the LGBT community working through LGBT Consortium / LGB&T partnership etc.**

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Multiple fears for Older Trans People who may need care



Social & Health Issues

Comments

- **“The day I need care, is the day I implement my end of life plan”**
- **“I don't expect my family to care for me in old age”**
- **“I fear growing old on my own and being denied the right to be me & to meet other Trans people”**
- **“Going into a home where there are no Trans people or anyone I know is very scary – I might hide in my computer”**

Social / Health Issues - Comments

- **“I’d just want to feel part of the “Family” in sheltered housing or in a care home”**
- **“There should be a voluntary buddy scheme for younger Trans* people to befriend or care for older Trans* people”**
- **“It is really important that training on awareness is made available to staff in residential homes, hospitals, social and care workers etc.”**
- **“I don’t want my body to be seen as an “Embarrassment”**

When interacting with Trans and Gender Diverse people, Service Providers have a tendency to:

- Lack confidence in interacting with us
- Focus on the persons gender identity
- Ignore their needs
- Treat them less favorably

This may be due to lack of knowledge, fear of getting it wrong & of causing offence

This places an effective barrier to proper community engagement and Informed Service provision

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