

# Queer Futures 2- What works to support LGBTQ+ young people's mental health?

#### LGBT+ Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing

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#### Agenda

- 1. Housekeeping
- 2. Introduction
- 3. Queer futures 2 What works to support LGBTQ+ young peoples mental health?
- 4. Questions and discussion

## Housekeeping

- Recording throughout to widen access to shared learning
- Please stay on mute and keep cameras off unless asking a question
- Questions into Teams chat, we will pick them up at the end.
- Please "like" questions to help us prioritise
- Evaluation and link to presentations to follow event
- Safe space



## Why are we doing this ?

#### 1. Children's mental health is a priority.

- The Five Year Forward View for Mental Health
- <u>NHS Long Term Plan</u>
- Transforming children and young peoples mental health provision a green-paper

#### 2. Reducing health inequalities

Mental health issues are more likely to affect young people who identify as LGBT+ than those who do not(1-5)

- Young people who identify as LGBT+ are more likely to report self-harming than young people who do not identify as LGBT+ (3,6)
- Symptoms of depression are more common and severe in young people who identify as LGBT+ than in those who do not identify as LGBT+,(3,5,6)
- Adolescents who identify as LGBT+ are at increased risk of anxiety disorders(7,8)

#### **Mentimeter**

In one word, how would you describe mental health support for LGBTQ+ young people in your area?

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## What works to support LGBTQ+ young people's mental health? Queer Futures 2: Professor Elizabeth McDermott (PI), Birmingham University