



## Cancer & Us: Community Conversations

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Vocal and The LGBT Foundation brought people from the LGBTQIA+ community and researchers together in creative sessions to chat about cancer, prevention and research in Greater Manchester.

This zine was developed from these sessions and is part of Cancer & Us: Community Conversations.

Here's what they had to say



It's like an expose of my life to discuss my sexuality with staff

Representation is the main thing. When you don't see yourself somewhere you don't go or feel safe there

Cancer research means hope, prevention, cure

There needs to be more training around LGBTQIA+ issues for healthcare staff



### The Hidden Figures Report

Hidden Figures is a report by The LGBT Foundation which presents an assessment of the many health inequalities faced by LGBTQIA+ communities.

The report marks the largest and most substantive look at the health inequalities faced by LGBTQIA+ people across their lives, bringing together research and insights from a wide array of organisations and public sector bodies.

“Due to many of the health inequalities faced earlier in life, LGBT+ people’s cancer outcomes and experiences are poorer than those for the general population.”

“We know that cancer risk factors including higher rates of smoking and drinking, and lower rates of physical activity, suggest that LGBT+ patients are at higher risk of cancer diagnoses.”



## LGBT foundation

We are LGBT Foundation – securing a safe, healthy and equal future for all LGBT people.

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## VOCAL

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Have your say in research and make a difference to people in the future!



It's important that we have our own voices listened to and that our experiences are heard and shared

All stressors impact minority groups more. Access to medication; mental health... Intersectional identities just compound this

The data just isn't there

We only know a small piece of the puzzle