

Prescription for Change

Lesbian and bisexual women's health check 2008

East of England

This report is a supplementary report to the Stonewall report **Prescription for Change: Lesbian and bisexual women's health check 2008**. This report provides further regional statistics for each country, each Strategic Health Authority, or healthboard.

Methodology

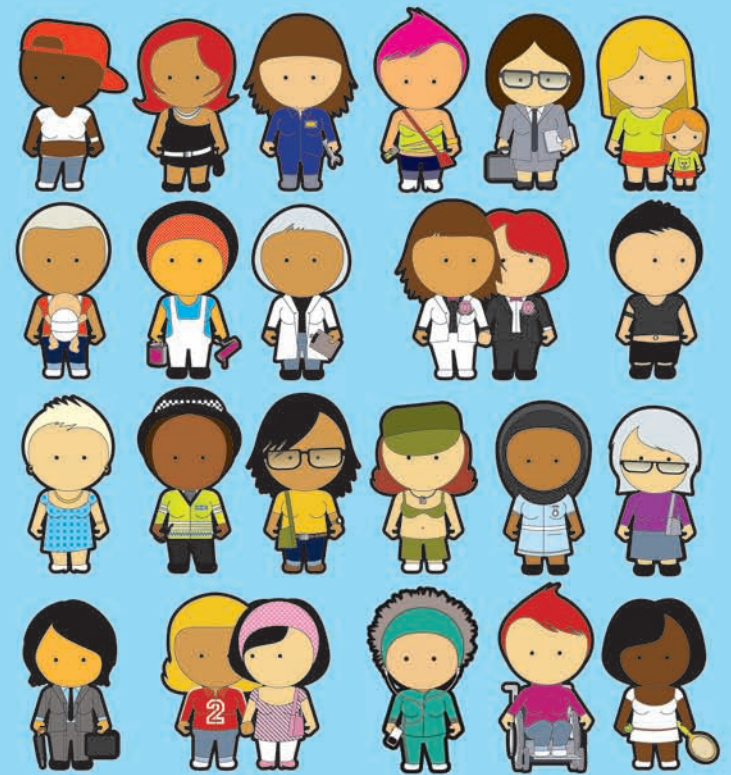
In the summer of 2007, 6178 women responded to an online and paper survey on their health needs and experiences.

The survey included questions on lifestyle (alcohol consumption, smoking, exercise, mental health), medical history and experiences of the health sector. The survey also captured qualitative evidence from participants about their experiences. These are included in the main report.

Guidance on using the data

This data is intended to provide NHS planners with information about their local population, in comparison to national and regional data. For nationwide statistics (Great Britain) for comparison, please refer to the main report. When citing data from this supplementary report please cite Prescription for Change: Lesbian and bisexual women's health check 2008.

Survey results analysed by Sigma Research.



Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Health Survey 2007

East of England Strategic Health Authority data report (June 2008, n=415)

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1a. Sample size by PCT of residence

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Cambridgeshire	95	22.9	22.9	22.9
Suffolk	43	10.4	10.4	33.3
Norfolk	39	9.4	9.4	42.7
Bedfordshire	37	8.9	8.9	51.6
East & North Hertfordshire	35	8.4	8.4	60.0
West Hertfordshire	34	8.2	8.2	68.2
Mid Essex	19	4.6	4.6	72.8
West / East & North Hertfordshire PCT	18	4.3	4.3	77.1
Unknown (Hertfordshire)				
South West Essex	16	3.9	3.9	81.0
Peterborough	14	3.4	3.4	84.3
W. / Mid. / N.E. / S.W. / SE. Essex PCT Unknown (Essex)	14	3.4	3.4	87.7
South East Essex	12	2.9	2.9	90.6
Luton Teaching	11	2.7	2.7	93.3
North East Essex	10	2.4	2.4	95.7
West Essex	9	2.2	2.2	97.8
Great Yarmouth and Waveney Teaching	8	1.9	1.9	99.8
PCT area unknown	1	.2	.2	100.0
Total	415	100.0	100.0	

1b. PCT of residence recoded for following comparisons

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Cambridgeshire	95	22.9	22.9	22.9
Essex PCTs (combined)	80	19.3	19.3	42.2
All other East of England	52	12.5	12.5	54.7
Suffolk	43	10.4	10.4	65.1
Norfolk	39	9.4	9.4	74.5
Bedfordshire	37	8.9	8.9	83.4
East & North Herts	35	8.4	8.4	91.8
West Hertfordshire	34	8.2	8.2	100.0
Total	415	100.0	100.0	

2. Sexual identity

% within PCT of residence

	Sexual identity			Total
	Lesbian	Bisexual	Other	
PCT of residence Norfolk	71.8%	25.6%	2.6%	100.0%
Cambridgeshire	72.6%	26.3%	1.1%	100.0%
Suffolk	83.7%	16.3%		100.0%
Bedfordshire	86.5%	13.5%		100.0%
East & North Herts	82.9%	17.1%		100.0%
West Hertfordshire	85.3%	11.8%	2.9%	100.0%
Essex PCTs (combined)	86.3%	11.3%	2.5%	100.0%
All other East of England	86.5%	13.5%		100.0%
Total	81.2%	17.6%	1.2%	100.0%

3. Current smoker (cigarettes)

% within PCT of residence

		Current smoker (cigarettes)		Total
		No	Yes	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	61.5%	38.5%	100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	79.8%	20.2%	100.0%
	Suffolk	61.9%	38.1%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	75.7%	24.3%	100.0%
	East & North Herts	82.4%	17.6%	100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	70.6%	29.4%	100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	72.7%	27.3%	100.0%
	All other East of England	64.7%	35.3%	100.0%
Total		72.1%	27.9%	100.0%

4. Number of days drank alcohol in the last week

% within PCT

		Number of days drank alcohol in the last week							Total	
		No alcohol in last 7 days	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days		7 days
PCT	Norfolk	25.0%	22.2%	19.4%	19.4%	8.3%	2.8%		2.8%	100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	19.6%	17.4%	18.5%	10.9%	7.6%	9.8%	6.5%	9.8%	100.0%
	Suffolk	27.5%	30.0%	15.0%	7.5%	2.5%	2.5%	5.0%	10.0%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	28.1%	15.6%	18.8%	9.4%	3.1%	15.6%	6.3%	3.1%	100.0%
	East & North Herts	25.8%	12.9%	19.4%	16.1%	9.7%	6.5%		9.7%	100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	19.4%	25.8%	22.6%	19.4%	6.5%	3.2%	3.2%		100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	20.0%	20.0%	16.0%	16.0%	13.3%	4.0%	5.3%	5.3%	100.0%
	All other East of England	20.4%	24.5%	22.4%	12.2%	8.2%	10.2%		2.0%	100.0%
Total		22.3%	20.7%	18.7%	13.5%	8.0%	7.0%	3.9%	6.0%	100.0%

5. Used any of the following drugs in the last year: marijuana, ecstasy, LSD, speed, crystal meth, cocaine, crack, ketamine, GHB, heroin Crosstabulation

% within PCT of residence

		Used any drugs in the last year		Total
		Not last year	Yes, last year	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	66.7%	33.3%	100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	76.6%	23.4%	100.0%
	Suffolk	78.6%	21.4%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	60.0%	40.0%	100.0%
	East & North Herts	77.1%	22.9%	100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	73.5%	26.5%	100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	76.3%	23.8%	100.0%
	All other East of England	69.2%	30.8%	100.0%
Total		73.2%	26.8%	100.0%

6. Ever tested for STI / vaginal conditions

% within PCT of residence

		Ever tested for STI / vaginal conditions		Total
		No	Yes	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	53.8%	46.2%	100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	55.8%	44.2%	100.0%
	Suffolk	61.0%	39.0%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	40.5%	59.5%	100.0%
	East & North Herts	54.3%	45.7%	100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	52.9%	47.1%	100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	62.5%	37.5%	100.0%
	All other East of England	51.9%	48.1%	100.0%
Total		55.2%	44.8%	100.0%

7. Gender of sexual partners in last 5 years

% within PCT of residence

		Gender of sexual partners in last 5 years				Total
		Women only	Men only	Both women and men	No one	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	48.7%	7.7%	33.3%	10.3%	100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	55.8%	5.3%	33.7%	5.3%	100.0%
	Suffolk	81.4%	2.3%	14.0%	2.3%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	48.6%	10.8%	37.8%	2.7%	100.0%
	East & North Herts	68.6%		25.7%	5.7%	100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	70.6%	2.9%	26.5%		100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	70.0%	2.5%	25.0%	2.5%	100.0%
	All other East of England	47.1%	5.9%	45.1%	2.0%	100.0%
Total		61.1%	4.6%	30.4%	3.9%	100.0%

8. Experience of cervical screening (aged 25-64, not Trans)

% within PCT of residence

		Experience of cervical screening				Total
		Never had cervical smear	I have had a smear test in the last 3 years	I have had a smear test in the past 3-5 years	I had a smear test more than 5 years ago	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	9.1%	45.5%	27.3%	18.2%	100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	22.0%	59.3%	13.6%	5.1%	100.0%
	Suffolk	20.0%	48.6%	17.1%	14.3%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	19.0%	47.6%	28.6%	4.8%	100.0%
	East & North Herts	12.5%	66.7%	12.5%	8.3%	100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	27.3%	31.8%	27.3%	13.6%	100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	15.2%	52.2%	13.0%	19.6%	100.0%
	All other East of England	14.3%	57.1%	21.4%	7.1%	100.0%
Total		17.9%	52.5%	18.3%	11.3%	100.0%

9. Frequency of self-checking breasts

% within PCT of residence

		Frequency of self-checking breasts			Total
		No, I don't currently self-check	Yes, sometimes (every few months)	Yes, regularly (every month)	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	13.2%	50.0%	36.8%	100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	25.3%	43.2%	31.6%	100.0%
	Suffolk	23.8%	47.6%	28.6%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	24.3%	48.6%	27.0%	100.0%
	East & North Herts	8.6%	54.3%	37.1%	100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	26.5%	47.1%	26.5%	100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	11.3%	50.0%	38.8%	100.0%
	All other East of England	21.2%	48.1%	30.8%	100.0%
Total	19.4%	47.9%	32.7%	100.0%	

10. In the last year, made any attempt to take your life

% within PCT of residence

		In the last year, made any attempt to take your life		Total
		No	Yes	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	94.9%	5.1%	100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	94.6%	5.4%	100.0%
	Suffolk	85.7%	14.3%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	88.9%	11.1%	100.0%
	East & North Herts	97.0%	3.0%	100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	91.2%	8.8%	100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	94.9%	5.1%	100.0%
	All other East of England	90.4%	9.6%	100.0%
Total	92.6%	7.4%	100.0%	

11. In the last year, deliberate self-harm (with no the intention of killing yourself)

% within PCT of residence

		In the last year, deliberate self-harm (with no the intention of killing yourself)		Total
		No	Yes	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	74.4%	25.6%	100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	80.9%	19.1%	100.0%
	Suffolk	76.2%	23.8%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	69.4%	30.6%	100.0%
	East & North Herts	91.2%	8.8%	100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	73.5%	26.5%	100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	78.5%	21.5%	100.0%
	All other East of England	75.0%	25.0%	100.0%
Total		77.8%	22.2%	100.0%

12. Ever been told you have eating problem

% within PCT of residence

		Ever been told you have eating problem		Total
		No	Yes	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	69.2%	30.8%	100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	78.9%	21.1%	100.0%
	Suffolk	78.6%	21.4%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	73.0%	27.0%	100.0%
	East & North Herts	82.9%	17.1%	100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	88.2%	11.8%	100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	78.8%	21.3%	100.0%
	All other East of England	80.8%	19.2%	100.0%
Total		78.7%	21.3%	100.0%

13. Ever experienced domestic violence

% within PCT of residence

		Ever experienced domestic violence				Total
		No never	Yes, from a male	Yes, from a female	Yes (gender unknown)	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	71.8%	5.1%	20.5%	2.6%	100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	85.1%	8.5%	5.3%	1.1%	100.0%
	Suffolk	71.4%	9.5%	19.0%		100.0%
	Bedfordshire	70.3%	8.1%	21.6%		100.0%
	East & North Herts	80.0%	8.6%	11.4%		100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	73.5%	8.8%	17.6%		100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	78.8%	5.0%	15.0%	1.3%	100.0%
	All other East of England	61.5%	17.3%	21.2%		100.0%
Total		75.5%	8.7%	15.0%	.7%	100.0%

14. Self-rating of health

% within PCT of residence

		Self-rating of health				Total
		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	17.9%	69.2%	10.3%	2.6%	100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	26.3%	55.8%	14.7%	3.2%	100.0%
	Suffolk	19.5%	61.0%	14.6%	4.9%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	13.5%	59.5%	16.2%	10.8%	100.0%
	East & North Herts	28.6%	62.9%	5.7%	2.9%	100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	20.6%	41.2%	32.4%	5.9%	100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	16.3%	62.5%	16.3%	5.0%	100.0%
	All other East of England	15.7%	47.1%	33.3%	3.9%	100.0%
Total		20.1%	57.5%	17.7%	4.6%	100.0%

15. BMI categories

% within PCT of residence

		BMI categories					Total
		Underweight (<18.5)	Normal (18.5 - 24.99)	Overweight (25 - 29.99)	Obese (30+)	Very Obese (40+)	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	2.6%	50.0%	21.1%	26.3%		100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	4.4%	62.2%	14.4%	16.7%	2.2%	100.0%
	Suffolk	9.5%	50.0%	23.8%	9.5%	7.1%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	8.3%	33.3%	19.4%	27.8%	11.1%	100.0%
	East & North Herts		66.7%	24.2%	9.1%		100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	8.8%	44.1%	20.6%	20.6%	5.9%	100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	1.3%	51.9%	27.8%	13.9%	5.1%	100.0%
	All other East of England		35.3%	47.1%	15.7%	2.0%	100.0%
Total		4.0%	50.6%	24.6%	16.9%	4.0%	100.0%

16. Sexuality disclosure to GP or health care professionals

% within PCT of residence

		Sexuality disclosure to GP or health care professionals					Total
		All or almost all	More than half	About half	Less than half	Few or none	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	28.9%	5.3%	7.9%	7.9%	50.0%	100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	22.8%	5.4%	8.7%	12.0%	51.1%	100.0%
	Suffolk	26.8%	4.9%	14.6%	2.4%	51.2%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	17.6%	2.9%	14.7%	14.7%	50.0%	100.0%
	East & North Herts	41.2%	2.9%		5.9%	50.0%	100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	32.4%		5.9%	5.9%	55.9%	100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	38.0%		6.3%	3.8%	51.9%	100.0%
	All other East of England	22.0%	4.0%	6.0%	4.0%	64.0%	100.0%
Total	28.6%	3.2%	8.0%	7.2%	53.0%	100.0%	

17. Any NEGATIVE experiences of health care in the last year

% within PCT of residence

		Any NEGATIVE experiences of health care in the last year		Total
		No none	Yes	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	52.8%	47.2%	100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	48.9%	51.1%	100.0%
	Suffolk	47.4%	52.6%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	42.4%	57.6%	100.0%
	East & North Herts	48.5%	51.5%	100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	51.6%	48.4%	100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	61.5%	38.5%	100.0%
	All other East of England	62.0%	38.0%	100.0%
Total	53.0%	47.0%	100.0%	

18. Health care worker assumed heterosexuality

% within PCT of residence

		Health care worker assumed heterosexuality		Total
		No	Yes	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	64.9%	35.1%	100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	58.9%	41.1%	100.0%
	Suffolk	52.6%	47.4%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	51.5%	48.5%	100.0%
	East & North Herts	60.6%	39.4%	100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	67.7%	32.3%	100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	71.8%	28.2%	100.0%
	All other East of England	72.0%	28.0%	100.0%
Total	63.3%	36.7%	100.0%	

19. No opportunity to discuss sexual orientation in health-care setting

% within PCT of residence

		No opportunity to discuss sexual orientation in health-care setting		Total
		No	Yes	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	78.4%	21.6%	100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	87.8%	12.2%	100.0%
	Suffolk	76.3%	23.7%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	81.8%	18.2%	100.0%
	East & North Herts	84.8%	15.2%	100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	71.0%	29.0%	100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	84.6%	15.4%	100.0%
	All other East of England	84.0%	16.0%	100.0%
Total		82.6%	17.4%	100.0%

20. Not sure of GP surgery's policy on confidentiality

% within PCT of residence

		Not sure of GP surgery's policy on confidentiality		Total
		No	Yes	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	97.3%	2.7%	100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	90.0%	10.0%	100.0%
	Suffolk	86.8%	13.2%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	90.9%	9.1%	100.0%
	East & North Herts	93.9%	6.1%	100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	74.2%	25.8%	100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	91.0%	9.0%	100.0%
	All other East of England	92.0%	8.0%	100.0%
Total		90.0%	10.0%	100.0%

21. Came out and health care worker still assumed heterosexuality

% within PCT of residence

		Came out and health care worker still assumed heterosexuality		Total
		No	Yes	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	91.9%	8.1%	100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	95.6%	4.4%	100.0%
	Suffolk	94.7%	5.3%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	84.8%	15.2%	100.0%
	East & North Herts	100.0%		100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	90.3%	9.7%	100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	96.2%	3.8%	100.0%
	All other East of England	96.0%	4.0%	100.0%
Total		94.4%	5.6%	100.0%

22. Came out and health-care worker asked inappropriate questions

% within PCT of residence

		Came out and health-care worker asked inappropriate questions		Total
		No	Yes	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	100.0%		100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	93.3%	6.7%	100.0%
	Suffolk	97.4%	2.6%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	87.9%	12.1%	100.0%
	East & North Herts	90.9%	9.1%	100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	90.3%	9.7%	100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	97.4%	2.6%	100.0%
	All other East of England	98.0%	2.0%	100.0%
Total		94.9%	5.1%	100.0%

23. Any POSITIVE experiences of health care in the last year

% within PCT of residence

		Any POSITIVE experiences of health care in the last year		Total
		None of these	Yes	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	35.9%	64.1%	100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	33.3%	66.7%	100.0%
	Suffolk	53.7%	46.3%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	45.7%	54.3%	100.0%
	East & North Herts	42.4%	57.6%	100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	39.4%	60.6%	100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	46.3%	53.8%	100.0%
	All other East of England	47.1%	52.9%	100.0%
Total		42.2%	57.8%	100.0%

24. Health care worker did not make inappropriate comments after disclosure

% within PCT of residence

		Health care worker did not make inappropriate comments after disclosure		Total
		No	Yes	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	48.7%	51.3%	100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	63.4%	36.6%	100.0%
	Suffolk	68.3%	31.7%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	85.7%	14.3%	100.0%
	East & North Herts	81.8%	18.2%	100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	66.7%	33.3%	100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	82.5%	17.5%	100.0%
	All other East of England	68.6%	31.4%	100.0%
Total		70.6%	29.4%	100.0%

25. Acknowledgement of sexuality by health worker after disclosure

% within PCT of residence

		Acknowledgement of sexuality by health worker after disclosure		Total
		No	Yes	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	74.4%	25.6%	100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	65.6%	34.4%	100.0%
	Suffolk	78.0%	22.0%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	88.6%	11.4%	100.0%
	East & North Herts	60.6%	39.4%	100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	72.7%	27.3%	100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	71.3%	28.8%	100.0%
	All other East of England	72.5%	27.5%	100.0%
Total		71.9%	28.1%	100.0%

26. Health care worker provided an opportunity to come out

% within PCT of residence

		Health care worker provided an opportunity to come out		Total
		No	Yes	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	89.7%	10.3%	100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	89.2%	10.8%	100.0%
	Suffolk	87.8%	12.2%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	94.3%	5.7%	100.0%
	East & North Herts	100.0%		100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	93.9%	6.1%	100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	96.3%	3.8%	100.0%
	All other East of England	92.2%	7.8%	100.0%
Total		92.6%	7.4%	100.0%

27. Health care worker welcomed partner at consultation

% within PCT of residence

		Health care worker welcomed partner at consultation		Total
		No	Yes	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	84.6%	15.4%	100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	80.6%	19.4%	100.0%
	Suffolk	82.9%	17.1%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	91.4%	8.6%	100.0%
	East & North Herts	84.8%	15.2%	100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	87.9%	12.1%	100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	90.0%	10.0%	100.0%
	All other East of England	78.4%	21.6%	100.0%
Total	84.7%	15.3%	100.0%	

28. Health care worker gave advice accounting for my sexuality

% within PCT of residence

		Health care worker gave advice accounting for my sexuality		Total
		No	Yes	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	82.1%	17.9%	100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	84.9%	15.1%	100.0%
	Suffolk	90.2%	9.8%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	94.3%	5.7%	100.0%
	East & North Herts	84.8%	15.2%	100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	90.9%	9.1%	100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	96.3%	3.8%	100.0%
	All other East of England	86.3%	13.7%	100.0%
Total	88.9%	11.1%	100.0%	

29. GP surgery had clear policy on confidentiality

% within PCT of residence

		GP surgery had clear policy on confidentiality		Total
		No	Yes	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	71.8%	28.2%	100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	67.7%	32.3%	100.0%
	Suffolk	78.0%	22.0%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	65.7%	34.3%	100.0%
	East & North Herts	75.8%	24.2%	100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	72.7%	27.3%	100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	73.8%	26.3%	100.0%
	All other East of England	68.6%	31.4%	100.0%
Total		71.4%	28.6%	100.0%

30. GP surgery displayed non-discriminatory policy including sexual orientation

% within PCT of residence

		GP surgery displayed non-discriminatory policy including sexual orientation		Total
		No	Yes	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	89.7%	10.3%	100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	93.5%	6.5%	100.0%
	Suffolk	95.1%	4.9%	100.0%
	Bedfordshire	91.4%	8.6%	100.0%
	East & North Herts	93.9%	6.1%	100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	90.9%	9.1%	100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	93.8%	6.3%	100.0%
	All other East of England	90.2%	9.8%	100.0%
Total		92.6%	7.4%	100.0%

31. Attended specialist health service for lesbian or bisexual women

% within PCT of residence

		Attended specialist health service for lesbian or bisexual women		Total
		No	Yes	
PCT of residence	Norfolk	100.0%		100.0%
	Cambridgeshire	98.9%	1.1%	100.0%
	Suffolk	100.0%		100.0%
	Bedfordshire	100.0%		100.0%
	East & North Herts	97.0%	3.0%	100.0%
	West Hertfordshire	93.9%	6.1%	100.0%
	Essex PCTs (combined)	100.0%		100.0%
	All other East of England	100.0%		100.0%
Total		99.0%	1.0%	100.0%

The Study:

In 2007, Stonewall and De Montfort University asked lesbian and bisexual women from Great Britain to complete a survey about their health.

The survey received 6178 responses making it the biggest survey of lesbian and bisexual women's health needs in Europe.

Eighty one per cent of respondents said that they were lesbian, and sixteen per cent said they were bisexual. Eighty five per cent of respondents live in England, nine per cent in Scotland, and five per cent in Wales. Eighty two per cent of respondents are white British, and the rest are from ethnic minorities, which is comparable with the general population. Respondents come from a wide age-range. The youngest respondent was fourteen and the oldest was 84. Fourteen per cent of respondents say that they have a disability, including physical and mental disabilities.