



Women's health - Let's talk about it

We ask certain questions to help make sure that our policy making is representative and to understand how it may affect certain groups. Please do not identify anyone else in your answers to any questions during this survey if they have not given permission for you to do so. This survey is open to individuals aged 16 and over in England only.

Are you responding as an individual or an organisation? *

- an individual an organisation

Which of the following locations are you answering from? *

- England Scotland Wales Northern Ireland
- Outside of England

Please do not complete the rest of this survey if you do not live in England. Only responses from England will be included in the analysis.

In what capacity are you responding to this survey? *

- Sharing my own experiences
- Partner to a woman
- Family member (excluding partners) to a woman
- Friend to a woman
- Other

Please enter the following demographic information as yourself if you are answering as a health or care professional, or are sharing your own experience. If you are answering on behalf of someone else, please enter demographic information of the person you have in mind.

What is your age?

- 16-17 years old 18-19 years old 20 - 24 years old
- 25 - 29 years old 30 - 39 years old 40 - 49 years old
- 50 - 59 years old 60 - 69 years old 70 - 79 years old
- Above 80 years old

What is your sex?

- Female
- Male

Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

- Yes
- No

If no, add your gender identity

Max 10 words

What is your ethnicity? Choose one option that best describes your ethnic group or background.

- | | |
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| <input type="radio"/> White | <input type="radio"/> Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups |
| <input type="radio"/> Asian/British Asian | <input type="radio"/> Black/African/Caribbean/Black British |
| <input type="radio"/> Gypsy, Roma or Traveller | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="radio"/> Other ethnic group | |

Where in England do you live in?

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| <input type="radio"/> North East | <input type="radio"/> North West |
| <input type="radio"/> Yorkshire & Humber | <input type="radio"/> East of England |
| <input type="radio"/> East Midlands | <input type="radio"/> West Midlands |
| <input type="radio"/> London | <input type="radio"/> South East |
| <input type="radio"/> South West | <input type="radio"/> Outside of England |

Is it OK for the Department of Health and Social Care to contact you via email about your response?

- | | |
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| <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
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We may need to contact you if we receive a Freedom Of Information Act request. We will also email you to let you know when we have published the response to the call for evidence.

Would you like to receive information about other DHSC consultations?

Yes

No

Public Health England will be seeking women's views on reproductive health later this year. Would you be happy for them to contact you via email to participate in this survey?

Yes

No

What is your first name?

What is your email address?

These following areas are the headings of the following sections, all sections are optional, please skip any questions or sections you do not want to answer. All responses from England, regardless of the degree to which they are answered, will be recorded and analysed.

Health topics

Women's voices

Information and education on women's health

Women's health through the life course

Women's health in the workplace

Research, evidence and data

Impact of COVID-19 on women's health

Which women's health topics do you think the Women's Health Strategy should cover? Select your top 5.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol, drugs and addiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Autism and neurodiversity | <input type="checkbox"/> Carers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes | <input type="checkbox"/> Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Fertility, pregnancy, pregnancy loss and post-natal support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gynaecological conditions for example endometriosis, fibroids | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy ageing | <input type="checkbox"/> Health behaviours, for example tackling obesity, tobacco |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heart disease and stroke | <input type="checkbox"/> Health impacts of violence against women and girls | <input type="checkbox"/> Menopause |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health | <input type="checkbox"/> Menstrual health, for example period pain, heavy menstrual bleeding | <input type="checkbox"/> Musculoskeletal conditions for example arthritis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neurological conditions for example dementia, multiple sclerosis | <input type="checkbox"/> Other cancers, for example lung cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Pelvic floor health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research into health issues or medical conditions that affect women | <input type="checkbox"/> Screening services | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual health including contraception |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Womb, ovarian, cervical, vulval and vaginal cancers | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans health | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

How comfortable do you/ the woman you have in mind feel talking about health issues with friends, family members, medical professionals and care professionals?

Please mark the level of comfort discussing with each group below.

Friends

	Comfortable	Uncomfortable	Don't Know
1. Menstrual wellbeing for example period pain, heavy menstrual bleeding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Contraception and pregnancy for example fertility, pregnancy, post-natal support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. Gynaecological cancers (womb, ovarian, cervical, vulval and vaginal)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. Gynaecological conditions for example endometriosis, fibroids	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. Menopause	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. General physical health concerns for example diabetes or heart disease	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. Mental health conditions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. Disability, autism and neurodiversity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Family members

	Comfortable	Uncomfortable	Don't Know
1. Menstrual wellbeing for example period pain, heavy menstrual bleeding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Contraception and pregnancy for example fertility, pregnancy, post-natal support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. Gynaecological cancers (womb, ovarian, cervical, vulval and vaginal)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. Gynaecological conditions for example endometriosis, fibroids	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. Menopause	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. General physical health concerns for example diabetes or heart disease	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. Mental health conditions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. Disability, autism and neurodiversity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Health or care professionals

	Comfortable	Uncomfortable	Don't Know
1. Menstrual wellbeing for example period pain, heavy menstrual bleeding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Contraception and pregnancy for example fertility, pregnancy, post-natal support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. Gynaecological cancers (womb, ovarian, cervical, vulval and vaginal)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. Gynaecological conditions for example endometriosis, fibroids	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. Menopause	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. General physical health concerns for example diabetes or heart disease	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. Mental health conditions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. Disability, autism and neurodiversity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Have there been any instances where you/ the woman you have in mind felt you/they were not listened to by health or care professionals?

Yes

No

Please select the nature of the discussion selecting all that apply

Seeking informed consent

Discussing symptoms

Asking for more information about an issue or condition

Seeking referral to a specialist

Discussing diagnosis of a condition or disability

Discussing treatment options

Being asked for consent to a procedure or course of action

Follow-up care

Raising concerns or a complaint

Don't know

Prefer not to answer

Other

Have there been any instances where you/ the woman you have in mind felt you/ they were not listened to in relation to specific health issues or conditions? Enter up to 2 examples.

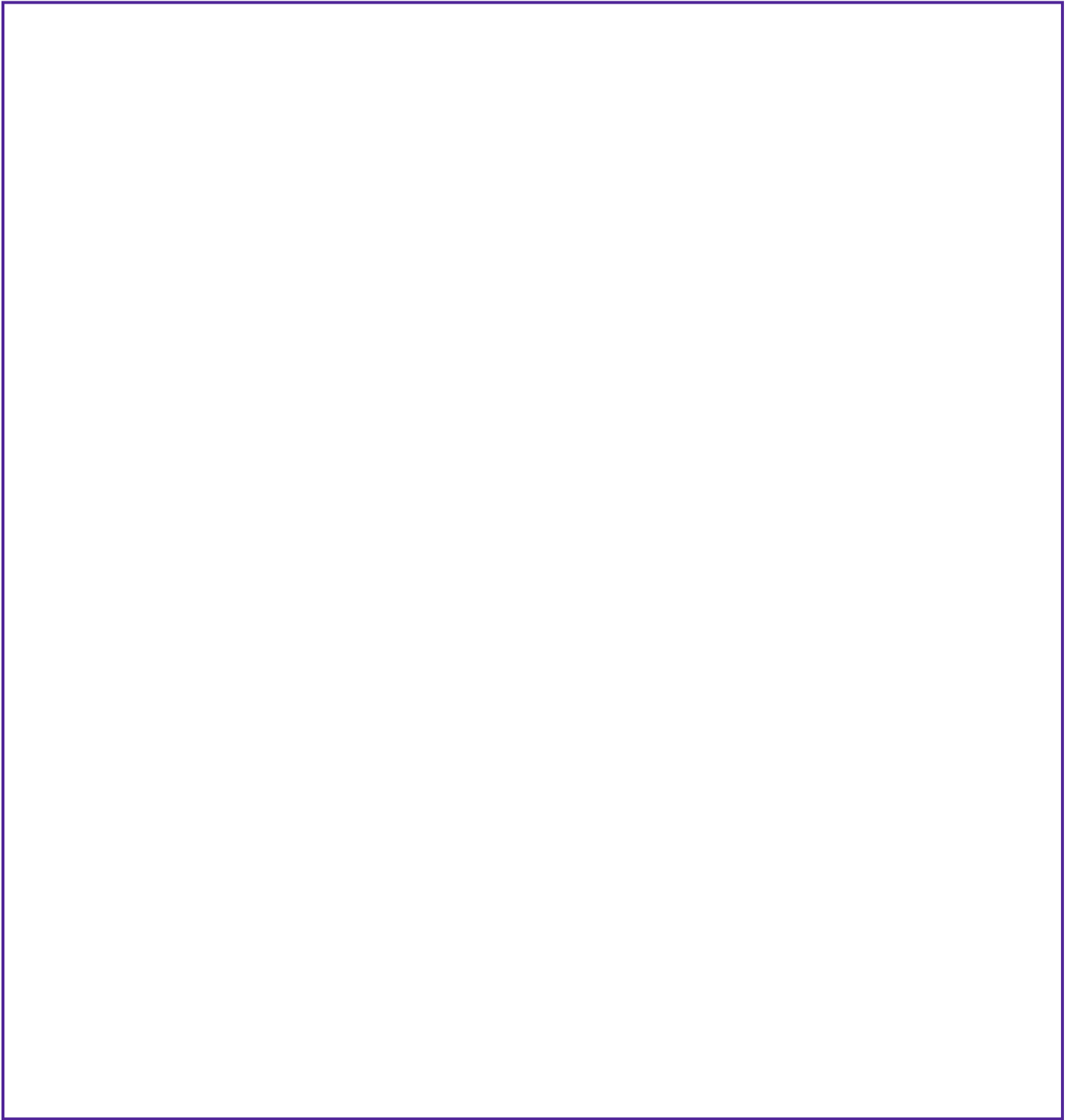
Example 1

Max 50 words

Example 2

Max 50 words

Is there anything else you would like to share regarding how the health and care system listens to women's voices?

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Max 350 words

Information and Education on Women's Health



Which of the following sources do you/ the woman you have in mind go to for health information? Please pick up to 5.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic or Medical journal articles | <input type="checkbox"/> Online including blogs and search engines | <input type="checkbox"/> Charities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leaflets at GP/Pharmacy/Hospital | <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries | <input type="checkbox"/> Family or friends |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Google search | <input type="checkbox"/> GOV.UK | <input type="checkbox"/> Helplines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Magazines | <input type="checkbox"/> NHS including 111 and NHS website | <input type="checkbox"/> School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media (For example Instagram, Facebook, Youtube, TikTok or Twitter) | <input type="checkbox"/> Work | <input type="checkbox"/> GP/Health or Care professionals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth club | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | |

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements. Mark your response as shown below for each statement.

Do you think you/ the woman you have in mind have received or have access to enough information on...

	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know
1. How to prevent ill-health or maintain your health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Menstrual well-being for example period pain, heavy menstrual bleeding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. How to prepare for or prevent pregnancy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. Gynaecological cancers (womb, ovarian, cervical, vulval and vaginal)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. Gynaecological conditions for example endometritis, fibroids	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. Menopause	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. General physical health concerns for example diabetes, heart disease	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. Mental health conditions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9. Disabilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10. Specific health services available for example female genital mutilation clinics, sexual assault referral centres	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Did you know relationships, sex and health education, which covers menstruation, contraception, fertility, pregnancy and the menopause, is now a statutory part of the school curriculum?

Yes

No

Do you have any suggestions for things that would help women better access information and education on women's health?

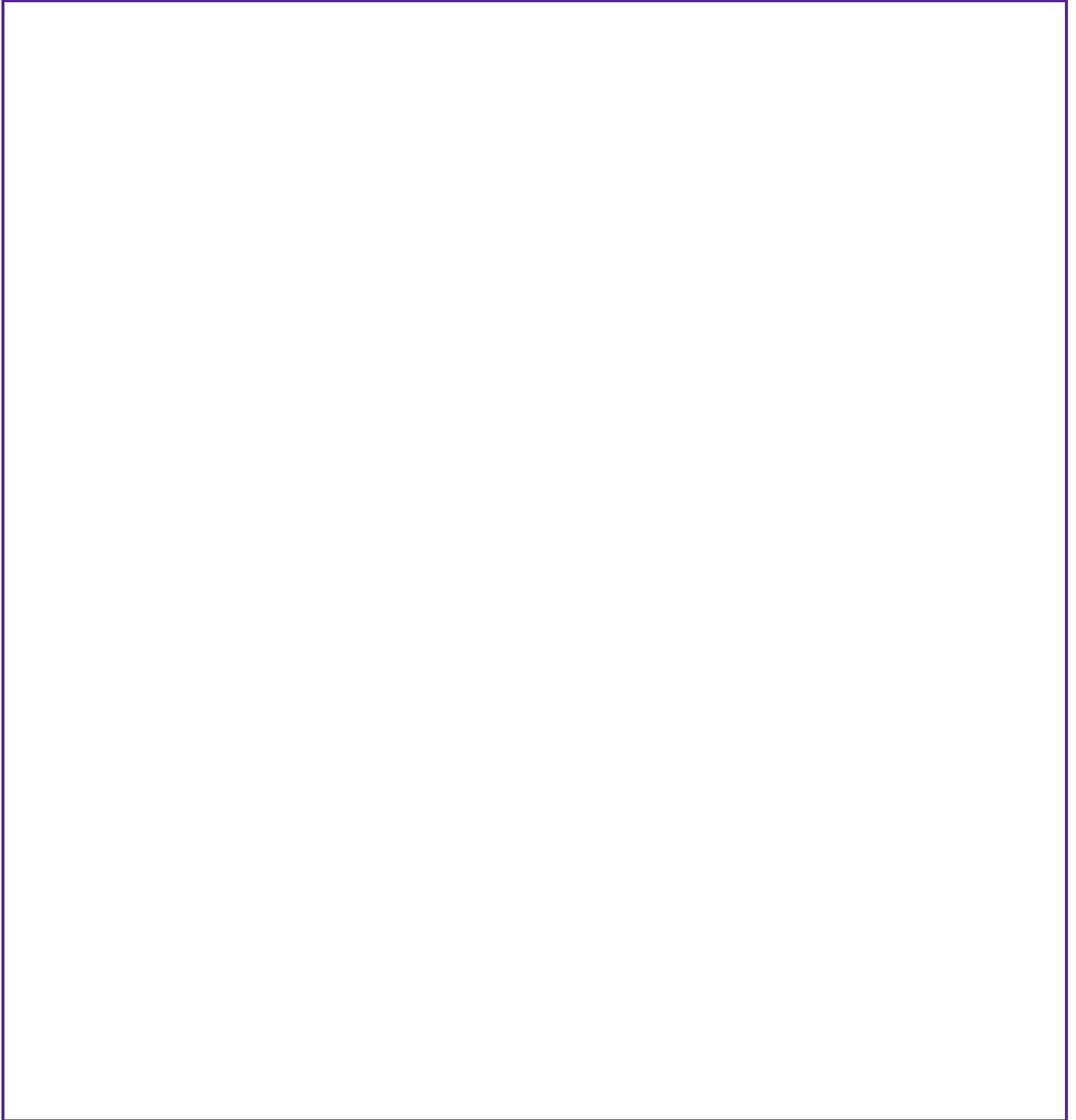
Suggestion 1

Max 50 words

Suggestion 2

Max 50 words

Is there anything else you want to share regarding information and education on women's health?

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Max 350 words

Women's health through the life course



Do you/ the woman you have in mind feel that they can access all the services that you/ they need in a way that is convenient to you/them in terms of location?

Agree

Disagree

Don't know

Do you/ the woman you have in mind feel that you/ they can access all the services that you/ they need in a way that is convenient to you/ them in terms of timing?

Agree

Disagree

Don't know

Would you like to share examples or provide suggestions as to how service accessibility can be improved?

Max 50 words

Do you/ the woman you have in mind have any existing health conditions or disabilities?

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

Please select which health condition(s) or disability you/ the woman you have in mind live with.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adenomyosis | <input type="checkbox"/> ADHD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety disorders and stress | <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Atrial Fibrillation | <input type="checkbox"/> Autism spectrum disorder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic fatigue syndrome/ME |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic Kidney Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Coronary Heart Disease |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Depression |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes | <input type="checkbox"/> Dyslexia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dyspraxia | <input type="checkbox"/> Eating disorder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Endometriosis | <input type="checkbox"/> Epilepsy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fibroids | <input type="checkbox"/> Fibromyalgia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gastrointestinal conditions and IBS | <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Impairment (deafness) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heart condition | <input type="checkbox"/> Hypertension |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hypothyroidism | <input type="checkbox"/> Learning disability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Migraine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Musculoskeletal condition (including Arthritis) | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple sclerosis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neurological condition | <input type="checkbox"/> Persistent pain |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stroke or Transient Ischaemic Attacks | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual impairment (blindness) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Menopause | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Do you/ the woman you have in mind feel supported by the services available for women with your/their health condition or disability?

Supported

Not supported

Don't know

Would you like to share examples or provide suggestions as to how services can be improved for a specific condition or disability?

Max 350 words

Women's health in the workplace



Are you/ the woman you have in mind currently in work?

- Yes No Other

Which sector do you/did you or the woman you have in mind most recently work in?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private Sector | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Sector |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture, forestry & fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining, energy and water supply |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesale retail & repair of motor vehicles | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport & storage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accommodation & food services | <input type="checkbox"/> Information & communication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial and insurance activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Real estate activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional scientific & technical activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative & supportive services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public admin & defence; social security | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human health & social work activities | |

How comfortable or uncomfortable do you think women feel talking about health issues with their workplace?

- Comfortable Uncomfortable Don't know

How supportive has your current or previous workplace / the current or previous workplace of the woman you have in mind been with regards to health issues?

- Supportive Unsupportive Don't know

Has a health condition or disability impacted the experience you/ the woman you have in mind has had in the workplace?

Yes

No

Prefer not to answer

How did you think your health condition or disability/ the health condition or disability of the woman you have in mind impact your/ their experience in the workplace? Select all that apply.

Stopped working earlier than planned

Impacted productivity

Work relationships

Impacted earnings

Opportunities for promotion

Increased stress levels

Impacted mental health

Don't know

Prefer not to say

Other

Does your current or previous workplace / the current or previous workplace of the woman you have in mind provide any of the following policies or support that you are aware of? Select all that apply.

Flexible working

Workplace adjustments

Training and support for managers to better understand women's health

Occupational Health

Workplace policies for health

Open discussion of sensitive/taboo topics

Support for carers

Statutory minimum sick pay

Above statutory sick pay

Policies/Protection regarding domestic abuse

Don't know

Prefer not to answer

Other

What support has helped you/ the woman you have in mind or what would have helped to enable you/ the woman you have in mind to work to your/their full potential?

Max 350 words

Research, Evidence and Data



Women have been under-represented in research, particularly women of ethnic minorities, older women and women of child-bearing age, those with disabilities and LGBT women. This has implications for the health and care they receive, their options and awareness of treatments, and the support they can access afterwards.

Is there anything you would like to share regarding research, evidence and data relating to women's health?

Max 350 words

Impacts of COVID-19 on Women's Health



Do you think women feel that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a positive or negative effect on their health?

- Positive
- Mostly positive
- Neither positive or negative
- Mostly negative
- Negative
- Don't know
- Prefer not to answer

Do you think women feel that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a positive or negative effect on their ability to access healthcare services?

- Positive
- Mostly positive
- Neither positive or negative
- Mostly negative
- Negative
- Don't know
- Prefer not to answer

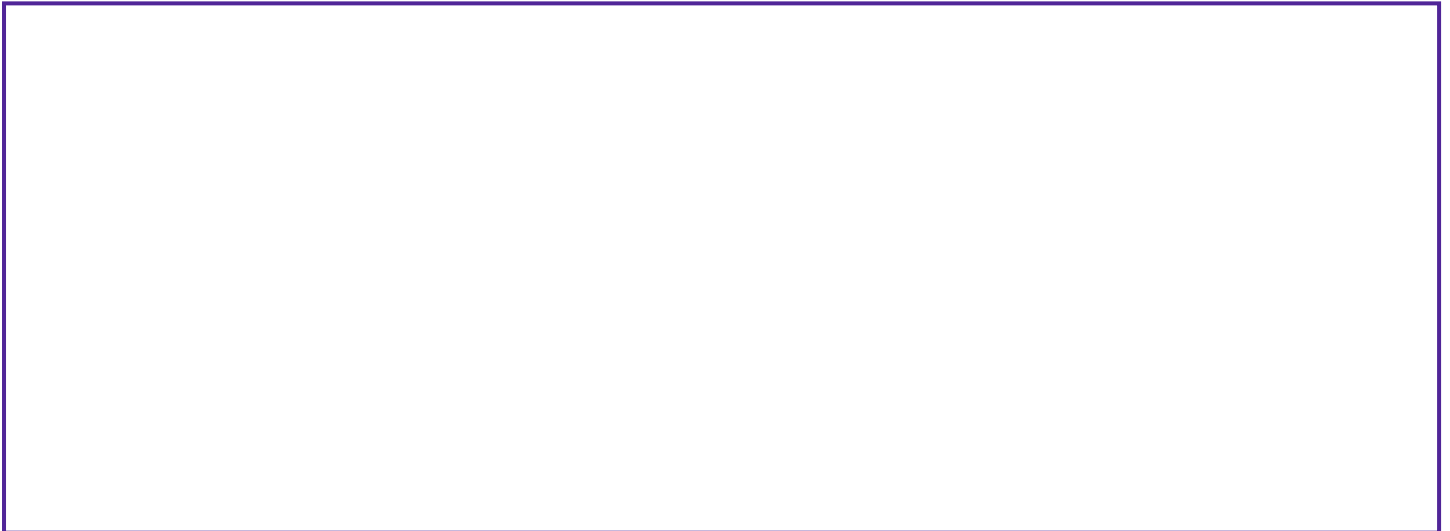
Are there any aspects of healthcare that you think women particularly struggled to access during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Suggestion 1



Max 50 words

Suggestion 2



Max 50 words

Are there any service changes that you think women would like to see continued in the future?

Suggestion 1

Max 50 words

Suggestion 2

Max 50 words

Thank you for your participation.

To return your completed response, please follow one of the two options below.

- Please scan and email to whscallforevidence@dhsc.gov.uk
- Please post your response to:

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Department of Health and Social Care
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Please mark the envelope clearly with 'Women's Health Strategy Consultation'.