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**Heading: Sexual and Reproductive Health Service Provider Community Survey**

Women’s Health and Wellbeing Barwon South West (WHWBSW) is an independent, not for-profit, regional women’s health organisation committed to gender equality and great practice health promotion. In short, we strive to improve women’s lives.

We are conducting consultation into the barriers women and gender diverse people may experience when accessing sexual and reproductive health services in the Barwon South West region. We are undertaking consultation to identify the challenges; in order to improve service delivery so all women and gender diverse people can access the sexual and reproductive healthcare they need.
This survey is open to all women and gender diverse people, aged 18+ and live in the Barwon South West region.

**Subheading: Barwon South West**

The Barwon South West region spans the lands of three Traditional Owner groups – the Gunditjmara, Eastern Maar and Wadawurrung – and the clans that reside within them. The region includes nine local government areas: Borough of Queenscliffe, City of Greater Geelong, Colac Otway Shire, Corangamite Shire, Glenelg Shire, Moyne Shire, Southern Grampians Shire, Surf Coast Shire and Warrnambool City Council.

Image #1

An image of a map of the Barwon South West region of Victoria. The map shows each local government area in the region, including Queenscliff, Surf Coast, Geelong, Colac Otway, Colac Otway Shire, Corangamite, Moyne, Southern Grampians, Warrnambool and Glenelg. Each local government area is green, with white lines around the outside to mark the boundaries. Over the top of the map are red and orange lines that represent the Traditional Owners groups.

**Subheading: Participant Information Statement**

**Subheading: Introduction**
Thank you for your interest in participating in this consultation exploring access to sexual and reproductive health services locally. The following pages will provide you with further information about the project, so that you can decide if you would like to take part.
Please take the time to read this information carefully. You may contact the project team to ask questions and find out more information.
Your participation is voluntary. If you don’t wish to take part, you don’t have to. If you begin participating, you can also stop at any time by clicking the exit button in the top right corner.

**Subheading: What is this project about?**
The project has a specific focus on women and gender diverse people’s aged 18+ sexual and reproductive health and seeks to understand the barriers and challenges they may encounter when accessing sexual and reproductive health services across the Barwon South West region of Victoria.

**Subheading: What will I be asked to do?**
If you agree to participate you will be asked to complete an online survey. The survey takes approximately 15-20 minutes to complete and asks questions about

you (for example, your age, local government area and identity)

your use of, and access to, contraception (for example, what type of contraception you use, your experience with healthcare when accessing contraception)

chronic reproductive health conditions (for example, endometriosis, pelvic pain, menopause)

use of abortion services (for example, use of medical or surgical abortion)

Sexually Transmitted Infections (for example, your experience accessing screening and treatment)

Postpartum and maternal health services (for example what services have you accessed following the birth of a baby)

We will also ask you for your email address. This is to provide you with a copy of the survey results (should you wish to receive a copy) and invite you to an online webinar sharing the results. You do not have to provide us with your email address if you don’t want to. Email addresses, when provided, are collected and stored separately to survey responses and cannot be used to identify your responses.

You will be asked if you would like to be contacted to participate in further consultation (for example, a telephone interview, an online interview or focus group) providing another opportunity to discuss your experience and explore topics in this survey in more detail. If you consent to being contacted about the focus groups and interviews, you are under no obligation to participate if you do not want to.

**What will happen to information about me?**
You will never be personally identified in any results published from this survey. Any personally identifiable information collected (for example, your email address) will be collected and stored separately from your survey responses. Survey data will be stored securely on a server at Women’s Health and Wellbeing Barwon South West for the duration of the project, and for a period of 7 years after the final publication.

**What are the possible benefits?**
Participants who complete a survey will have the opportunity to win one of 4 x $100 vouchers. Data collected in this research will be used to inform relevant sexual and reproductive health services in the Barwon South West region, and your participation can help shape improvements in health service delivery. Some people may find benefit from sharing their personal experience and may feel they have helped to raise awareness of issues regarding sexual and reproductive health services in the area. However, there is unlikely to be significant immediate benefits to individuals.We value and appreciate the contribution from all participants in this project.

**What are the possible risks?**
There are minimal risks to participating, however you may feel discomfort at some of the survey questions. Participation in this survey is voluntary, and you can skip any questions you do not want to answer or exit the survey at any time. If you require support, you can contact:

For mental health & family violence support:

Lifeline: 13 11 14

Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636

For sexual assault, domestic or family violence and abuse support:

1800Respect: 1800 737 732

For general health advice, including contraception, pregnancy and abortion:

Healthdirect helpline: 1800 022 222

Office of the Public Advocate: 1300 309 337

Pregnancy, Birth and Baby: 1800 882 436

Rainbow Door: 1800 729 367

Marie Stopes Australia: 1300 207 382

1800 My Options (Pregnancy, Abortion, sexual health services): 1800 696 784

**Do I have to take part?**
No. Participation is completely voluntary. You can withdraw from the survey at any time.

**Will I hear about the results of this project?**
A summary of our findings will be available on our website and will be sent to participants who share their email address. We will also host an online webinar to share the findings of the survey, participants who share their contact details will be invited to attend. We may also publish our findings in the media.

**I need help completing the survey. Who can I contact if I have any concerns or want more information about the project?**
If you would like more information or need help completing the survey, please contact the project team:
Alice Creevey: acreevey@womenshealthbsw.org.au or 0499 326 995
Caitlyn Hoggan: choggan@womenshealthbsw.org.au or 0499 598 118

**Consent Participation**By clicking “Agree”, you declare you have read and understood the participant information statement.

You understand that the information you provide will never be used in a way that identifies you. It may be used in reports, forums, training, websites and to inform sexual and reproductive health service delivery and coordination across the Barwon South West region.

You understand by completing this survey implies your consent to participate.

The survey will take approximately 15 – 20 minutes to complete. When completing the survey, please reflect on your experience accessing services in the Barwon South West region.

Select ' Agree' to commence the survey.

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**Subheading**: **Demographics**

Question 2. Please specify your current speciality, profession or area of practice?
General Practitioner

Pharmacist

Midwife

Project/program officer

Nurse

Educator/ teacher

Medical practitioner

Public Health Officer

Support/ social worker

Local council staff

Other (please specify)

Question 3. What region does your service cover?

City of Greater Geelong

Surf Coast Shire

Colac Otway Shire

Borough of Queenscliffe

Moyne Shire

Southern Grampians Shire

City of Warrnambool

Corangamite Shire

Glenelg Shire

Entire Barwon South West

Other

Other (please specify)

Question 4. What town do you mostly work in?

Open text

Question 5. Age

18-24

25-34

35-44

45-54

55-64

65+

Question 6. How do you describe your gender?

Woman

Man

Genderqueer/ non-binary

Prefer not to say

Prefer to self describe (please specify)

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**Subheading: Clinician Survey**

These questions are for GP's, nurses, midwives and pharmacists who deliver clinical sexual and reproductive health care.

Question 7. Do you wish to continue in this section?

Yes

No, skip to non-clinician survey (question 34 onwards)

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**Subheading: Long-Acting reversable contraception**

This section of the survey will ask you questions about Long Acting Reversable Contraception (LARC), including Intrauterine devices (Copper, Mirena or Kyleena) and contraceptive implant (Implanon or rod).

Question 8. Do you currently provide LARC services?

Yes, I currently provide LARC Services

No, I currently do not offer LARC services, but could do so

No

Not applicable to my area of work

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9. If you selected 'no,' what are some of the reasons that prevent you from offering LARC services?

Cost of service

Low confidence or skills to deliver LARC

Time to deliver service

Low interest/need from patients

Interested in other areas of practice

Availability of skilled mentors

Other (please specify)

10. Reflecting on your thoughts and experiences regarding LARC, please rank the extent to which you agree or disagree with the below statements. Options are strongly disagree, disagree, neutral, agree, strongly agree and NA.

I see providing LARC as a core part of my role

I am confident providing LARC

I’m able to remain up to date with current practice according to the relevant guidelines for LARC

I am aware of associated support services, and can refer patients appropriately

Safety concerns in case of complications, influence my decision to offer LARC

Current funding conditions make it challenging to deliver LARC information and care.

Question 11. What would make it easier for you to provide LARC services?

Open text

Question 12.

What are some of the biggest barriers your patients/community experience when accessing LARC services?

Open text

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**Subheading: Abortion**

Question 13. Do you currently provide ANY abortion services (medical or surgical)?

Yes, I currently provide abortion services

No, I do not provide abortion services but could

No, I do not

Not applicable to my area of work

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Question 14. If yes, do you provide medical abortion or surgical abortion?

Medical

Surgical

Both

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Question 15. If you ticked NO, what are some of the reasons that prevent you from offering abortion support and services?
Cost of service

Low confidence or skills to deliver abortion services

Time to deliver

Low interest from patients

Interested in other areas of practice

Availability of skilled mentors

Other (please specify)

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Question 16. Reflecting on your thoughts and experiences regarding medical and or surgical termination of pregnancy, please rank the extent to which you agree or disagree with the below statement. Options are strongly disagree, disagree, neutral, agree, strongly agree and NA.

I see providing abortion care as a core part of my role

I am confident providing abortion care

I’m able to remain up to date with current practice according to the relevant guidelines for abortion services

My personal views influence my decision to refer to abortion services

Public stigma and backlash (perceived or actual) are a barrier to providing abortion care

I am aware of associated support services, and I can refer patients appropriately

Safety concerns in case of complications, influence my decision to offer abortion care

Current funding conditions make it challenging to deliver abortion information and care.

Question 17. What would make it easier for you to provide medical and or surgical abortion of pregnancy services?

Open text

Question 18. What are some of the biggest barriers your patients/community experience when accessing medical and or surgical abortion of pregnancy services?

Open text.

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**Subheading: Sexually Transmitted Infections**

Subheading: 19. Do you currently provide sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing and treatment?

Yes, I currently provide STI testing treatment

No, I do not provide STI testing and treatment but could

No, I do not provide STI testing and treatment

Not applicable to my area of work

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Question 20. If you selected NO, what are some of the reasons that prevent you from offering STI testing and treatment?

Cost of service

Low confidence or skills to deliver abortion services

Time to deliver service

Low interest from patients

Interested in other areas of practice

Availability of skilled mentors

Other (please specify)

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Question 21. Reflecting on your thoughts and experiences regarding STI testing and treatment, please rank the extent to which you agree or disagree with the below statements. Options are strongly disagree, disagree, neutral, agree, strongly agree and NA.

I see providing STI testing and treatment as a core part of my role

I am confident providing STI testing and treatment

I can remain up to date with current practice according to the relevant guidelines for STI testing and treatment

My personal views influence my decision to provide STI testing and treatment

I am aware of associated support services, and I can refer patients appropriately

Question 22. What would make it easier for you to provide STI testing and treatment services?

Open text

Question 23. What are some of the biggest barriers your patients/community experience when accessing STI treatment and testing?

Open text

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**Subheading: Chronic reproductive conditions**

This part of the survey will ask you about offering services and support for chronic reproductive conditions such as endometriosis, polycystic ovary syndrome and menopause.

Question 24. Do you currently provide chronic reproductive condition care?

Yes, I currently provide chronic reproductive condition services

No, I do not provide chronic reproductive condition services, but could

No, I do not provide chronic reproductive condition services

Not applicable to my area of work

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Question 25. If you ticked NO, what are some of the reasons that prevent you from offering support and services to treat and manage chronic reproductive conditions?

Cost of service

Low interest from patients

Low confidence or skills to offer treatment

Time to deliver service

Interested in other areas of practice

Availability of skilled mentors

Other (please specify)

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Question 26. Reflecting on your thoughts and experiences providing care for chronic reproductive conditions, please rank the extent to which you agree or disagree with the below statements. Options are strongly disagree, disagree, neutral, agree, strongly agree and NA.

I see providing care for chronic reproductive conditions as a core part of my role

I am confident treating patients with chronic reproductive conditions

I’m able to remain up to date with current practice according to the relevant guidelines for chronic reproductive conditions treatment

I am aware of associated support services, and I can refer patients appropriately

Safety concerns in case of complications, influence my decision to offer chronic reproductive condition care

Current funding conditions make it challenging to deliver chronic reproductive conditions information and care.

Question 27. Is there other support you would like to see for women and gender diverse people experiencing chronic reproductive conditions?

Open text

Question 28. Is there anything that would make it easier for you to support and treat women and gender diverse people experiencing chronic reproductive conditions?

Open text

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**Subheading: Maternal and Child Health**

29. Do you currently provide Maternal and Child Healthcare (MCH)?

YES, I currently provide MCH care

NO, I do not provide MCH care but could

NO, I do not provide MCH

Not applicable to my area of work

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30. If you selected NO, what are some of the reasons that prevent you from offering MCH support and services?

Cost of service

Low interest from patients

Availability of skilled mentors

Low confidence or skills to deliver services

Interested in other areas of practice

Time to deliver service

Other (please specify)

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Question 31. Reflecting on your thoughts and experiences regarding MCH services, please rank the extent to which you agree or disagree with the below statements. Options are strongly disagree, disagree, neutral, agree, strongly agree and NA.

I see providing MCH care as a core part of my role

I am confident providing MCH services

I’m able to remain up to date with current practice according to the relevant guidelines when offering MCH services

I am aware of support services offering MCH care in the region, and can refer patients appropriately

Safety concerns in case of complications, influence my decision to offer MCH care

There is sufficient financial support for training to develop ultrasound skills for onsite service provision.

Question 32. Is there other support would you like to see for women and all parents following the birth of a child?

Open text

Question 33. Is there anything that would make it easier for you to support and treat parents during pregnancy and following the birth of a child?

Open text

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**Subheading: Non clinicians**

These questions are for sexual and reproductive health non-clinicians.

Question 34. Do you wish to continue in this section

Yes

No, skip to workforce development

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**Subheading: Contraception**

This section of the survey will ask you about contraception, such as condoms, the pill and Long Acting Reversable Contraception (LARC), including Intrauterine devices (Copper, Mirena or Kyleena) and contraceptive implant (Implanon or rod).

35. Do you currently refer people for contraception support?

Yes, I currently refer service users for contraception support

No, I do not currently refer service users for contraception support but could

No, I do not

Not applicable to my area of work

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Question 36. Reflecting on your thoughts and experiences referring people for contraception support, please rank the extent to which you agree or disagree with the below statements. Options are strongly disagree, disagree, neutral, agree, strongly agree and NA.

I see referring people to contraception services as a core part of my role

I’m able to remain up to date with current practice according to the relevant guidelines for contraception

I am aware of local services, and I can refer patients appropriately

Current funding conditions make it challenging to refer people for contraception care.

Question. 37. What would make it easier to provide information and services about contraception?

Open text

Question 38. What are some of the biggest barriers your patients/community experience when accessing contraception?

Open text

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**Subheading: Abortion**

Question 39. Do you currently refer for ANY abortion services (medical or surgical?

Yes, I currently refer for abortion services

No, I do not refer for abortion services but could

No, I do not

Not applicable to my area of work

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Question 40. Reflecting on your thoughts and experiences regarding abortion support, please rank the extent to which you agree or disagree with the below statements. Options are strongly disagree, disagree, neutral, agree, strongly agree and NA.

I see referring people for abortion care as a core part of my role

I’m able to remain up to date with current practice according to the relevant guidelines for abortion services

My personal views influence my decision to refer people for abortion services

Public stigma and backlash (perceived or actual) are a barrier to referring for abortion

I am aware of relevant services, and I can refer patients appropriately

Current funding conditions make it challenging to refer people for abortion care.

Question 41. What would make it easier to refer to abortion support and care?

Open text

Question 42. What are some of the biggest barriers your patients/community experience when accessing abortion services?

Open text

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**Subheading: Sexually Transmitted Infections**

Question 43. Do you currently refer people for STI testing and treatment?

Yes, I currently refer people for STI testing and treatment

No, I do not currently refer service users for STI testing and treatment but could

No, I do not

Not Applicable to my area of work

End page 24

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Question 44. Reflecting on your thoughts and experiences regarding STI information, screening and treatment support, please rank the extent to which you agree or disagree with the below statements. Options are strongly disagree, disagree, neutral, agree, strongly agree and NA.

I see referring people for STI screening and treatment as a core part of my role

I’m able to remain up to date with current practice according to the relevant guidelines for STI treatment and screening

My personal views influence my decision to refer people for STI screening and treatment

I am aware of local services, and I can refer patients appropriately

Question 45. What would make it easier to refer people for STI information and support?

Open text

Question 46. What are some of the biggest barriers your community experience when accessing STI services?

Open text

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**Subheading: Maternal and Child Health**

Question 47. Do you currently refer people for Maternal and Child Healthcare?

YES, I currently refer people for MCH

NO, I do not currently refer people for MCH but could

NO, I do not.

NA, not applicable to my area of work.

Question 48. Reflecting on your thoughts and experiences referring people for MCH, please rank the extent to which you agree or disagree with the below statements.

I see referring people for MCH care as a core part of my role

I’m able to remain up to date with current practice according to the relevant guidelines when referring to MCH care

I am aware of other services offering MCH care in the region and associated support services, and I can refer patients appropriately. Options are strongly disagree, disagree, neutral, agree, strongly agree and NA.

Question 49. What would make it easier to refer to antenatal and maternal child healthcare?

Open text

Question 50. Is there other support would you like to see to assist all women and parents following the birth of a child?

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**Subheading: prevention and education**

Question 51. Do you deliver prevention and education activities?

YES, I currently provide prevention and education activities

NO, I do not currently provide prevention and education activities but could

NO, I do not.

NA, not applicable to my area of work.

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Question 52. Reflecting on your thoughts and experiences delivering or referring people to preventative sexual and reproductive health services (healthy relationships, consent education, sexual health workshops etc.) Please rank the extent to which you agree or disagree with the below statements. Options are strongly disagree, disagree, neutral, agree, strongly agree and NA.

I see providing prevention and education services a core part of my role

I’m able to remain up to date with best practice sexual and reproductive health prevention theory when delivering services.

I am aware of local services offering prevention and education services.

My personal views influence my decision provide prevention and education services.

Question 53. What would make it easier to refer or deliver education and prevention activity?

Open text

Question 54. Is there other support would you like to see to assist people with accessing local prevention and education services?

Open text

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**Subheading: Workforce development (clinician and non-clinician)**

The following questions are for anyone working in sexual and reproductive healthcare.

Question 55. Based on your experience delivering services, and/or supporting women and gender diverse people sexual and reproductive health needs, please rate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements:

I feel connected with other SRH practitioners in my area

I receive the latest news and research related to SRH.

I have access to training opportunities related to delivering SRH

I am aware of relevant and necessary SRH services in my area.

I am confident working with LGBTIQA+ patients

I am confident providing appropriate care for First Nations patients.

I am confident providing care for culturally and racially marginalised groups.

I am confident working with patients with a disability and able to meet their needs.

Is there any training or professional development you would like to see delivered locally/online that would assist you to deliver and refer to SRH services?

Open text

Anything else you would like to tell us about providing sexual reproductive health services and/or supporting women’s and gender diverse people’s sexual and reproductive health needs in the Barwon South West?

Open text.

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**Subheading: Thank you for completing the survey.**
To go into the running to win a $100 voucher and/or register your interest to participate in a
focus group or interview, please complete our online form.

Please note, all personal information collected via the Microsoft Form is in no way linked to
your survey responses.

Register your detail: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=_RskIJO_l0WCglFPfd_B8cpkCp5Qw01Gr4xzTRISESNUOFJGVUdNQVUyMldMMUY1M0YySllCSUtRNi4u&route=shorturl>

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**End of survey**