



the lgbtq+ youth homelessness report

2021



faith briefing

This briefing highlights the areas of our report where LGBTQ+ young people of faith were disproportionately impacted.

support sought while homeless

7 out of 39 (18 per cent) of young people of faith felt supported by parents or stepparents, compared to **14 out of 114 (12 per cent)** from non-faith backgrounds.

3 out of 39 (8 per cent) young people of faith felt supported by their extended family, compared to **22 out of 114 (19 per cent)** from non-faith backgrounds.

understanding and accessing services

LGBTQ+ young people from faith backgrounds, like trans and disabled LGBTQ+ young people, were less likely to know about what support was available to them when experiencing homelessness and less likely to feel supported when accessing support.

Only **9 out of 39** of LGBTQ+ young people of faith (**23 per cent**) who said that they had accessed support services reported accessing support from a local authority, compared to **47 out of 114 (41 per cent)** who aren't from faith backgrounds.

the impact of homelessness

38 out of 39 (97 per cent) LGBTQ+ young people of faith expressed that being homeless had negatively impacted their mental health.

improving services

29 out of 39 (74 per cent) of LGBTQ+ young people of faith said they wanted to see more services that specifically help LGBTQ+ people from different faith backgrounds.

27 out of 39 (69 per cent) of LGBTQ+ young people of faith said they would like to see services offer more individualised, face-to-face support.

26 out of 39 (67 per cent) of LGBTQ+ young people of faith said they'd like support services to offer more group support in the community (e.g. in youth clubs).

recommendations

Recommendations included in the main research report include:

The Government to implement uniform mandatory monitoring of sexual orientation and gender identity in publicly commissioned housing and homelessness services.

Housing and homelessness services and local authorities implement changes to services based on LGBTQ+ young people's recommendations and build upon these by involving young people in the design of services.

All support services to refer to akt's inclusive service delivery toolkit to help make services more inclusive of all LGBTQ+ young people.

As well as these general recommendations, we're also asking stakeholders to address the disproportionate impact of homelessness on marginalised groups including LGBTQ+ young people of colour, disabled LGBTQ+ young people and trans young people.

To read the full report and its recommendations, visit akt.org.uk/report

methodology

The full report surveyed 161 LGBTQ+ young people who had experienced any form of homelessness in the last five years in the UK, while between the ages of 16 and 25.

Respondents from a faith background made up **29 per cent** of the overall survey sample, and so the above data is not statistically significant.