


# DON'T ASSUME I'M STRAIGHT

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## SUMMARY

- DIFFERENCES BETWEEN "WOMEN'S HEALTH" AND "LESBIAN HEALTH"
- HEALTH SERVICE BARRIERS
- FERTILITY
- SEXUAL HEALTH
- SERVICES

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## ISN'T IT ALL JUST "WOMEN'S HEALTH"?



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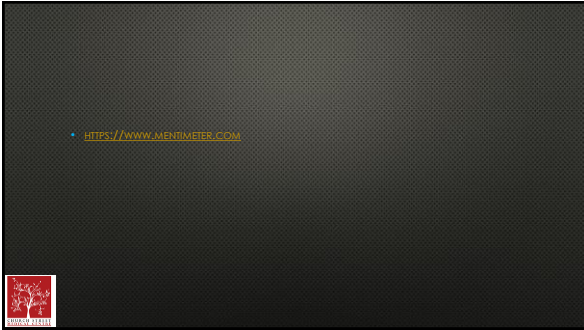
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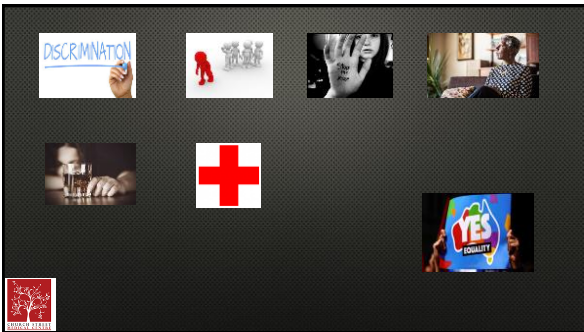
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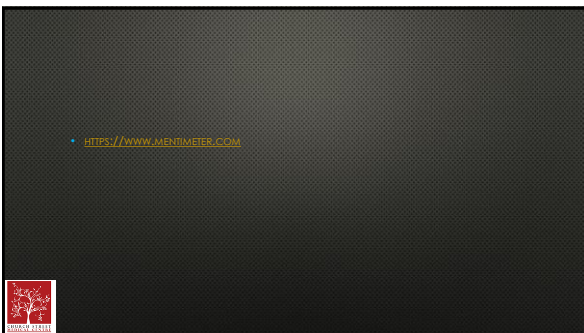
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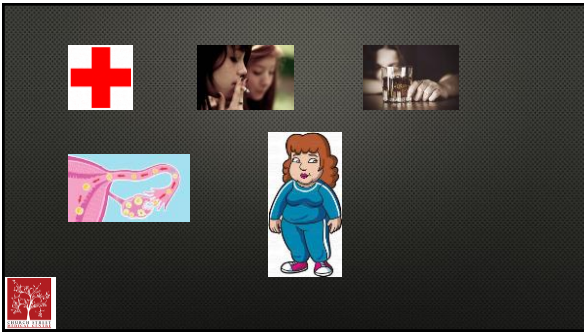
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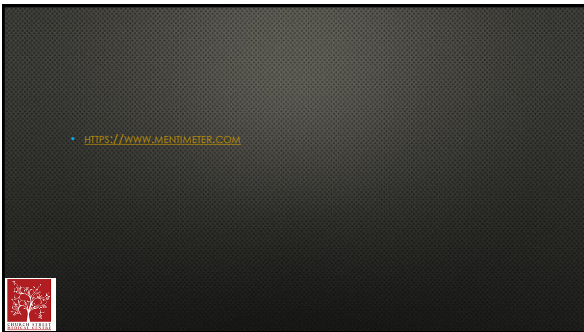
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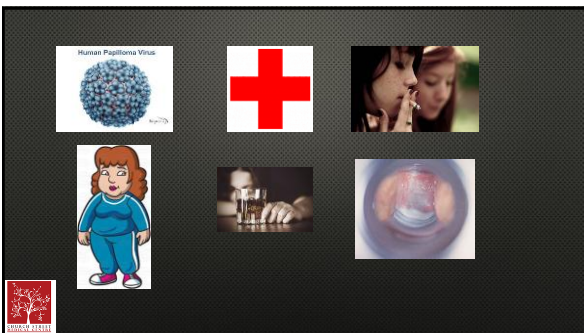
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**HEALTH PROVIDER BARRIERS**

- HETEROSEXISM (ASSUMPTIONS OF HETEROSEXUALITY) VS NORMALISATION
- COMMUNICATION BARRIERS (EG PROVIDER DISCOMFORT)
  - SILENCING OF DISCLOSURE
  - PATHOLOGISING
- POOR PROVIDER KNOWLEDGE – DISCRIMINATION, HEALTH SPECIFIC ISSUES
- LACK OF LGB-SPECIFIC RESOURCES AND REFERRAL NETWORKS
- VISIBILITY EG SIGNAGE, FORMS
- ASSUMPTIONS



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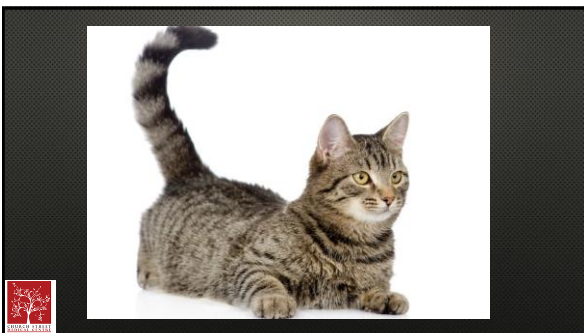
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FERTILITY/FAMILIES – THE LEGAL STUFF



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FERTILITY



- 30% DIY – PROVIDE SCREENING ADVICE (MINIMUM 3/12 STAND DOWN) AND OVULATION ADVICE
- ART SERVICES CAN SCREEN AND STORE SPERM FOR ONE COUPLE
- LBGT SENSITIVE SERVICES EG RAINBOW FERTILITY



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SEXUAL HEALTH AND STI'S

- PROBABLY SAME LIFETIME RATE OF STI'S
- LOW PERCEIVED RISK
- LOW UPTAKE OF BARRIER PROTECTION
- DON'T ASSUME – MAY HAVE MALE PARTNERS PAST AND PRESENT



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SERVICES

- DOCLIST – [WWW.DOCLIST.COM.AU](http://WWW.DOCLIST.COM.AU)
- NORTHSIDE CLINIC
- MSHC
- THORNE HARBOUR HEALTH
- MENTAL HEALTH – DRUMMOND STREET, MIND ROOM, THORNE HARBOUR
- YOUTH – DRUMMOND STREET QUEERSPACE
- RAINBOW FERTILITY



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• QUESTIONS?



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