



Listening to women's voices

Results of the Victorian women's health survey 2023

Glossary

Term	Definition
Aboriginal	We have used the term 'Aboriginal' to include all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who live in Victoria.
Culturally and linguistically diverse communities (CALD)	Communities with diverse languages, ethnic backgrounds, nationalities, traditions, societal structures and religions.
Culturally safe	An environment that is safe for people, where there is no assault, challenge or denial of their identity and experience, of who they are and what they need.
Healthcare	Refers to the improvement of health via the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, amelioration or cure of disease, illness, injury and other physical and mental ailment in people.
LGBTIQA+	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and gender diverse, Intersex, Queer, questioning and Asexual as an inclusive umbrella abbreviation of diverse sexualities, genders and sex characteristics.
Lived and living experience	People with lived experience identify either as someone who is living with (or has lived with) a health condition or someone who is caring for or otherwise supporting (or has cared for or otherwise supported) a person who is living with (or has lived with) a health condition. People with lived experience are sometimes referred to as 'consumers' or 'carers'.
Model of care	Describes the design and delivery of healthcare services within the broader context of the health system.
The department	Refers to the Victorian Department of Health.
Victorian Women's Health Advisory Council	A Victorian Women's Health Advisory Council is leading the Victorian Government rollout of investment in women's health. It will give independent, expert advice on delivering our women's health package, including how to improve women's health outcomes, reduce gender health disparities, enhance research, and strengthen the safety and quality of care provided in our state. It will be led by women, for women, to guide reforms that will support an integrated and equitable Victorian health system.
Woman	Any references to a woman or women or girls include: cisgender women, transgender women, transgender men, non-binary people and gender diverse people who may be perceived as women, female or feminine (regardless of expression or identity), who may experience similar health issues and/or gender-based discrepancies in care.
Women's Health and Wellbeing Program	The Department of Health is leading the delivery of the \$153.9 million package to change the way women's health issues are treated. This expands upon the Victorian Government's current investment in women's health promotion services, access to information, sexual and reproductive health services, primary care sentinel practices, public hospital specialist clinics and initiatives aimed at healthcare recruitment and training.

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