

We wanted to let you know that the research is going really well! We have had a really positive response from LGB and Trans people who have thanked the Regional Equality Networks and ESW for developing this research and giving LGB and Trans people an opportunity to have their voices heard – so that is great news and we really want to keep the momentum up so please keep reminding your contacts to take part and share the survey.

In the first 3 weeks of launching the research we have had 194 participants take part in the on-line research (with additional surveys received through the post). Below we have provided a basic breakdown of the data relating to the 194 people...

Gender

45% Male

48% Female

6% Trans Male to Female
Male

3% Trans Female and
19.4% Gender different to that assigned at birth

Sexual Identity

Heterosexual 6.8%
31%

Bisexual 15%

Gay 39%

Other 9%

Lesbian

Geography of correspondents

The majority of participants are from the following areas: Bristol, Plymouth, Exeter, Truro, Yeovil, Torquay, Swindon, and Gloucester

Whilst you can see that people from across the full extent of the region are taking part in this research, it is really important that enough people from each postcode area take part. If we have enough responses from your area we will be able to provide you and your partners with a detailed analysis of the issues and experiences of LGB and Trans people in your local area, but we need you to keep promoting the research until the end of March 2010.

Disability

18% consider themselves to have a disability

Race

White British	80%
Asian British	0.7%
Black Caribbean	0.7%
Irish	1.4%
Gypsy	0.7%
Traveller	0.7%
Other White background	8%

We obviously expect these numbers and the diversity of participants to increase over the coming months and look forward to being able to tell you about the headline findings as we get closer to the end of the research.