The Ambulance Service Trans Toolkit

Book 1 - Understanding Trans People:
'In the Headlines' Activity

The headlines below are all real examples from British newspapers between 2018 and 2019. Read each headline and think about the questions along side them. Be honest with your answers.

Tran and wife

Do you feel it's ok to refer to a trans man as "Tran"? Explain your reasons why.

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Trans extremists are putting equality at risk

How would you feel reading this headline if you or someone you loved were transgender?

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Trans twerps rewrite the facts of life, and even the Tories lap up their fiction

Do you think it is acceptable to refer to minority groups as "twerps"? Explain your answer.

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Trans rapists are a danger in women's jails

Evidence shows that it is far more likely for a trans person to be a victim of abuse or assault than to pose a risk to anyone else. With that in mind, do you see any problems with this headline?

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> Don't you just love it when a man explains to you what it means to be a woman?

This headline was written about a trans woman. Why do you think it might be offensive to refer to a trans woman as a man?

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> # TRANSGENDER JAIL SEX FIEND

What kind of impact could this headline have on trans people?

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> ## Ian Huntley 'demands sex change to start new life as Nicola in women's prison

This headline was identified as being fake and The Daily Star Sunday later issued a short statement retracting the story. What kind of impact could all these headlines have on a trans person's health, both mental and physical?

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> Transphobic hate crimes surge by 37% in just one year, while homophobic hate crimes are up a quarter

Offical Home Office data released on 15 October 2019 reported that hate crimes against transgender people had risen 37% in just one year. Transgender hate crimes rose faster in that year than any other protected group.

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