

## Safe Abortion Day 2022: EPSU publishes new paper on gender sensitive health services



(27 September 2022) Gender, race and class inequalities determine significant differences in access to health across social groups. In order to cater for all, health services must acknowledge power imbalances dominant in society and aim to combat them.

A new report from the European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU) locates health services provision in the history of medicine and in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. It highlights the need for further research on gender health as well as the urgency of action to bring down the barriers to accessing health services – including safe and reliable access to abortion.

Women and LGBTQIA+ people have historically seen their health needs overlooked in medicine and health services. Time is ripe for society to advance gender equality in health for the benefit of all because a healthier and more equal society is a freer society. Trade unions organising women and men who work across sectors to keep everyone healthy, cared for, fed, educated and safe are at the forefront of this struggle.

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