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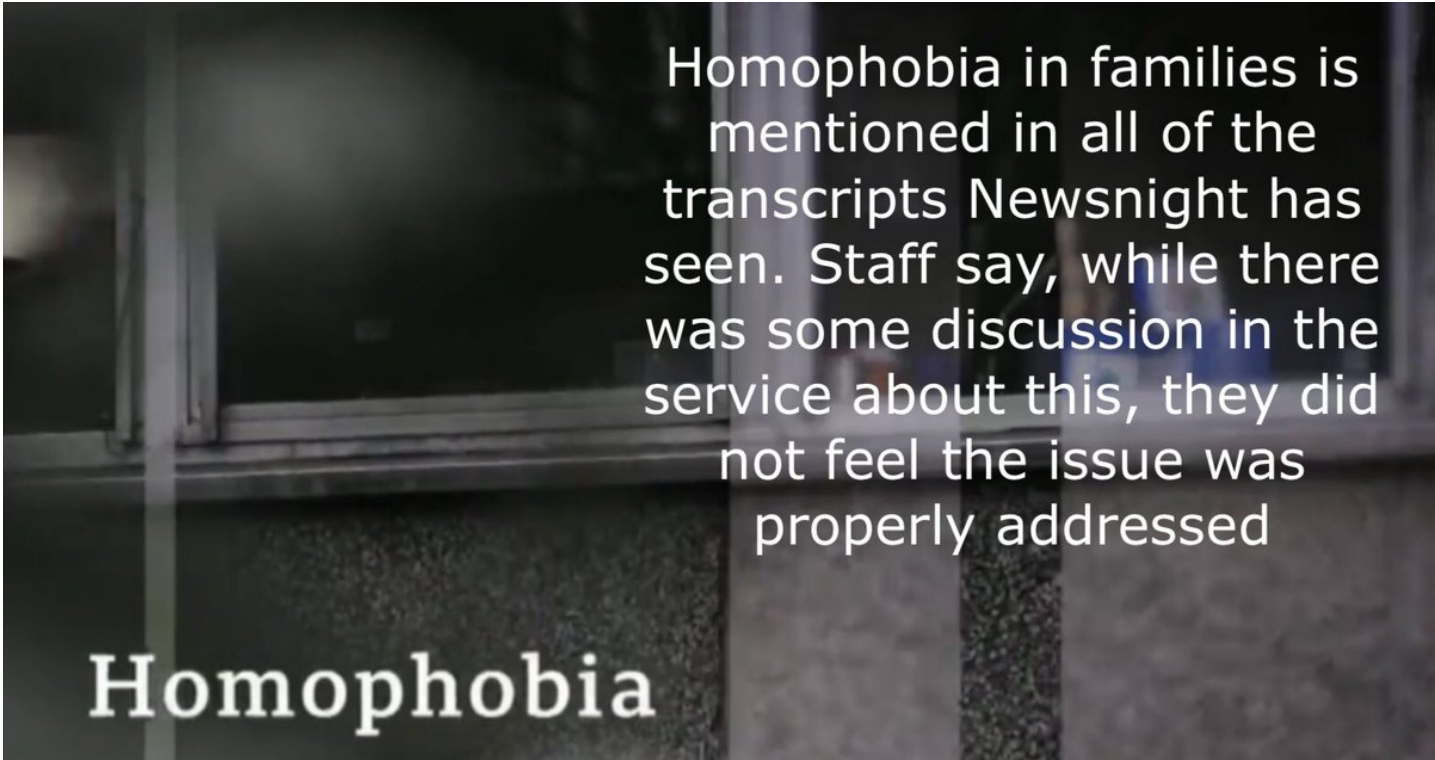
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A reminder of the Newsnight expose on The Tavistock.



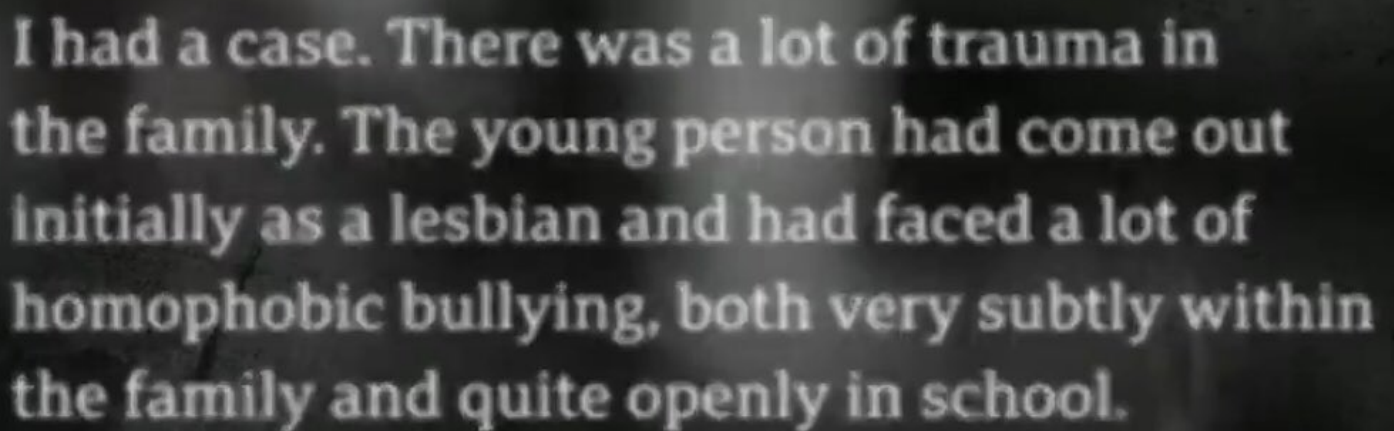
Homophobia was a factor in the resignation of over forty staff over a three year period.



Homophobia in families is mentioned in all of the transcripts Newsnight has seen. Staff say, while there was some discussion in the service about this, they did not feel the issue was properly addressed

# Homophobia

Girls openly telling staff they suffered homophobia in the family and at school.



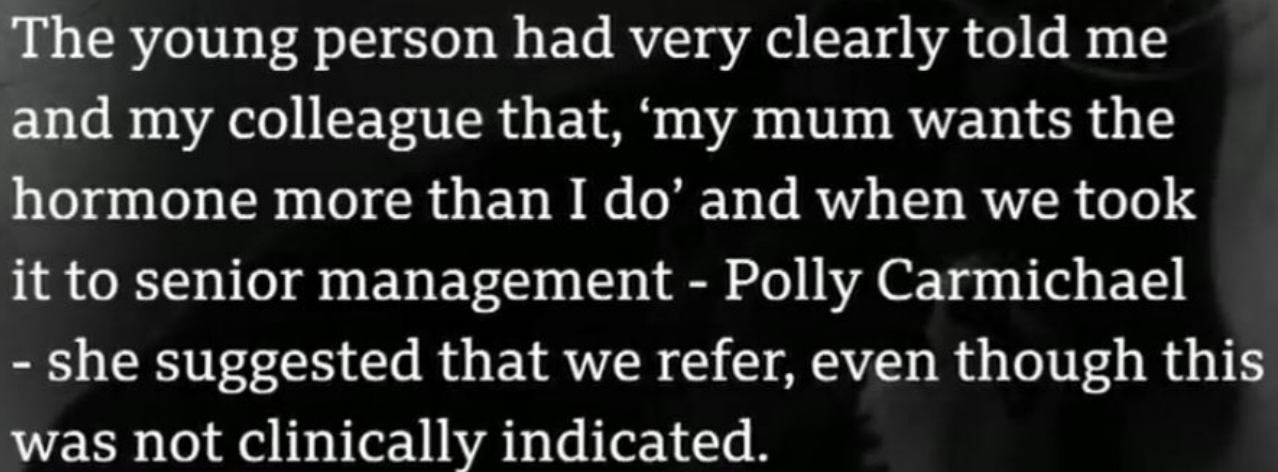
I had a case. There was a lot of trauma in the family. The young person had come out initially as a lesbian and had faced a lot of homophobic bullying, both very subtly within the family and quite openly in school.

Eventually they ended up identifying as trans.



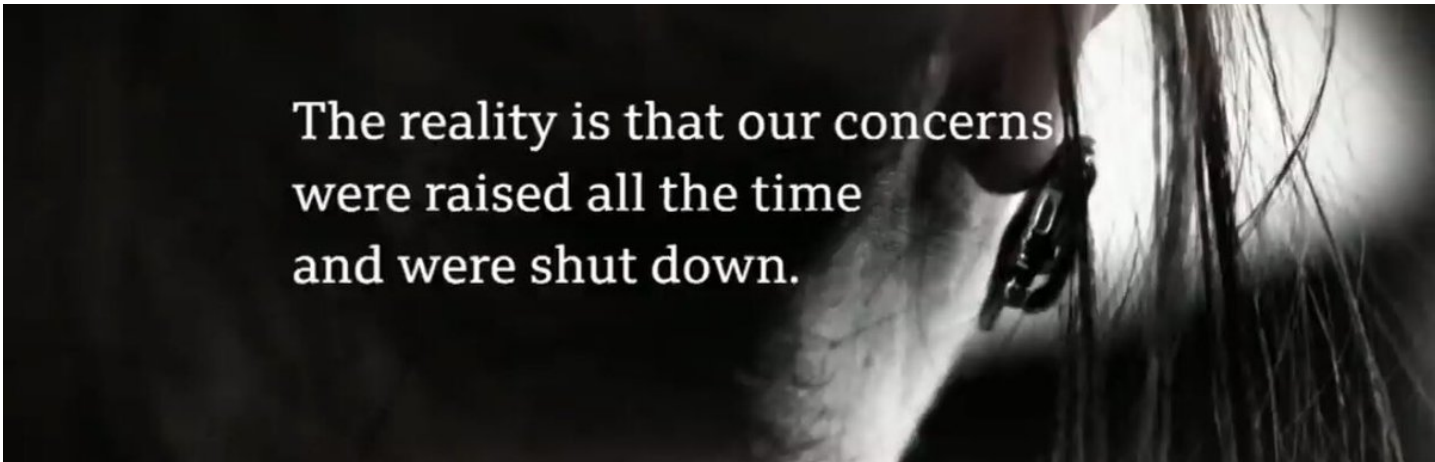
Suddenly, the young person changed their mind  
and they started identifying as trans.

Parents openly stated they would prefer a trans kid rather than a gay one subject to parental pressure? Director of GIDs pushing prescribing despite clinical concerns.



The young person had very clearly told me  
and my colleague that, 'my mum wants the  
hormone more than I do' and when we took  
it to senior management - Polly Carmichael  
- she suggested that we refer, even though this  
was not clinically indicated.

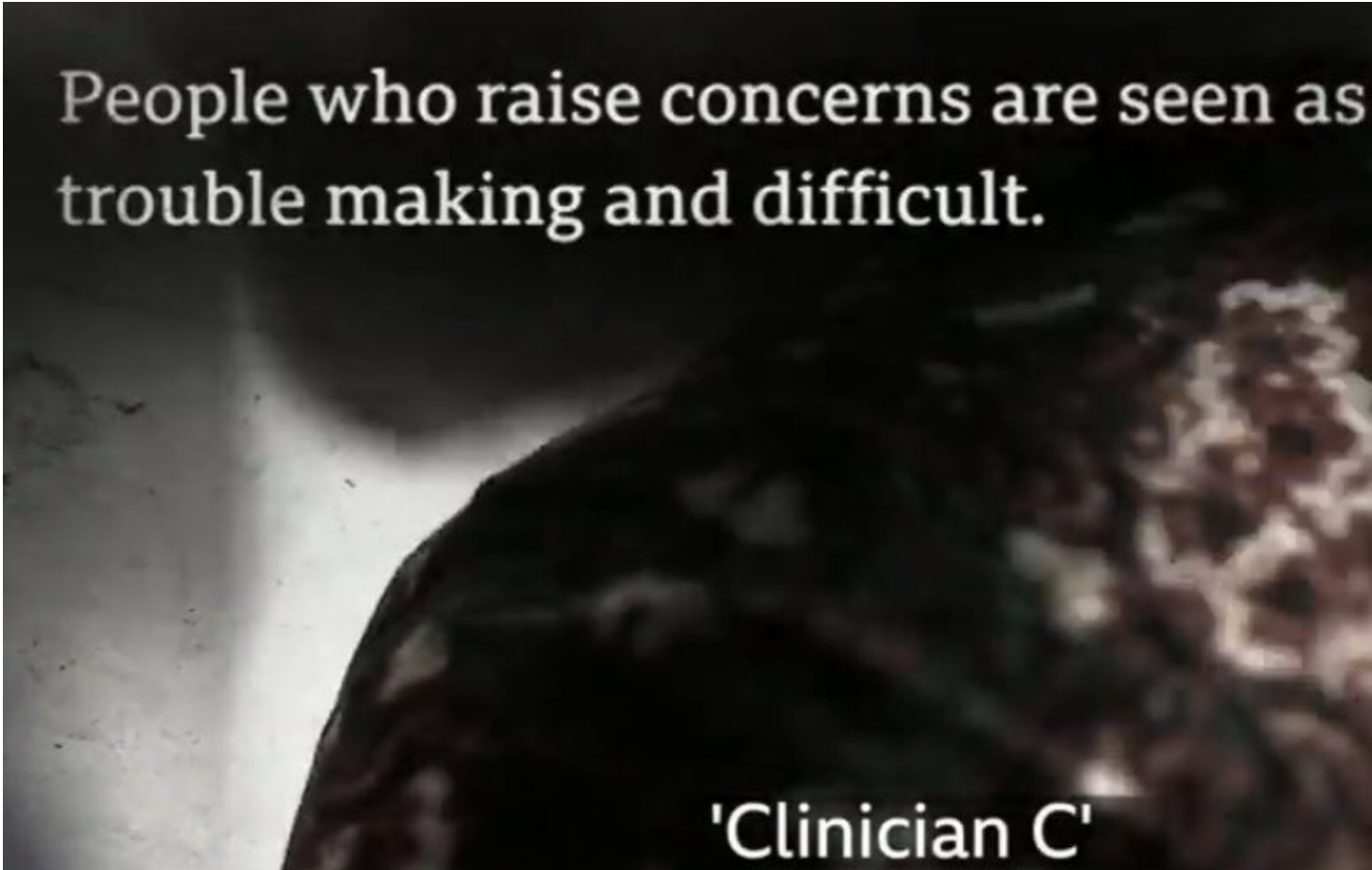
Staff raising concerns over many years. (Over 15 years in some cases as it turns out)



The reality is that our concerns  
were raised all the time  
and were shut down.

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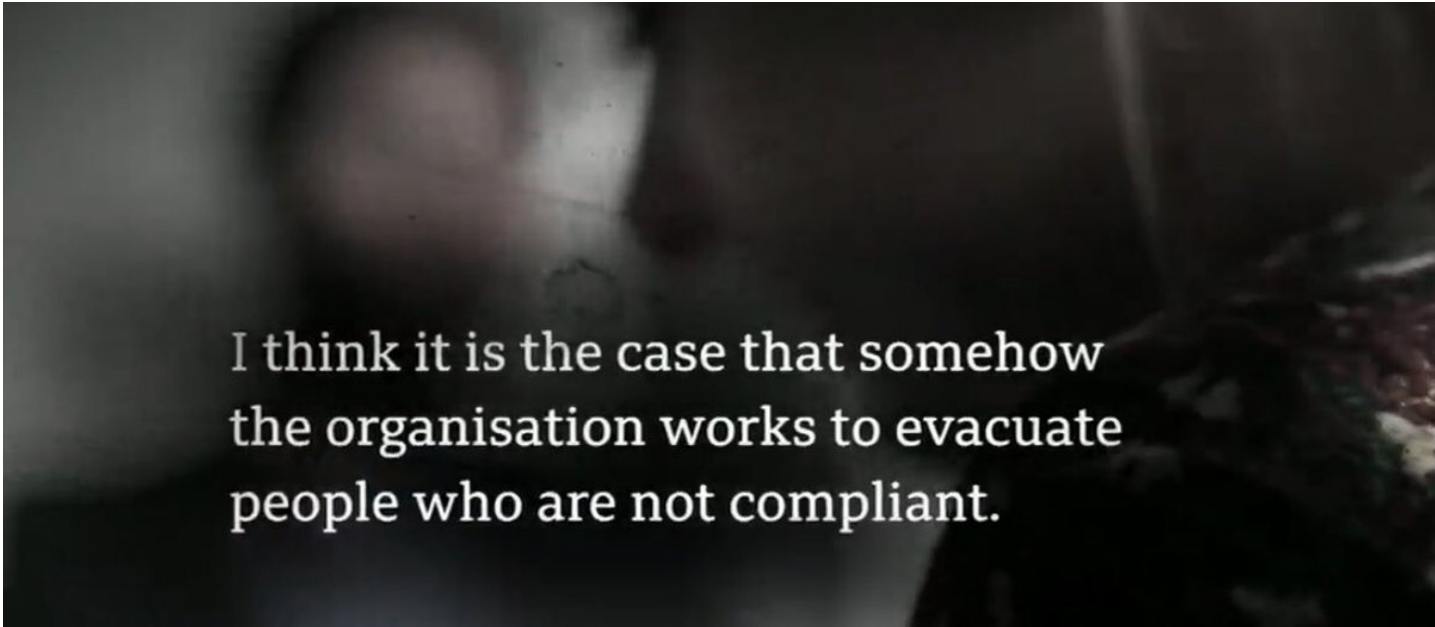




People who raise concerns are seen as trouble making and difficult.

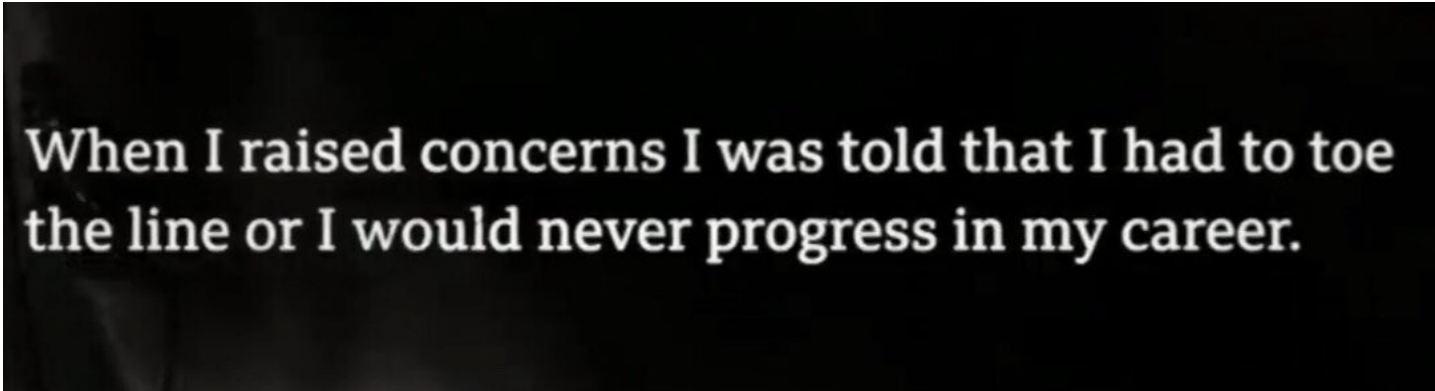
'Clinician C'

The organisation worked to cleanse the service of these voices.



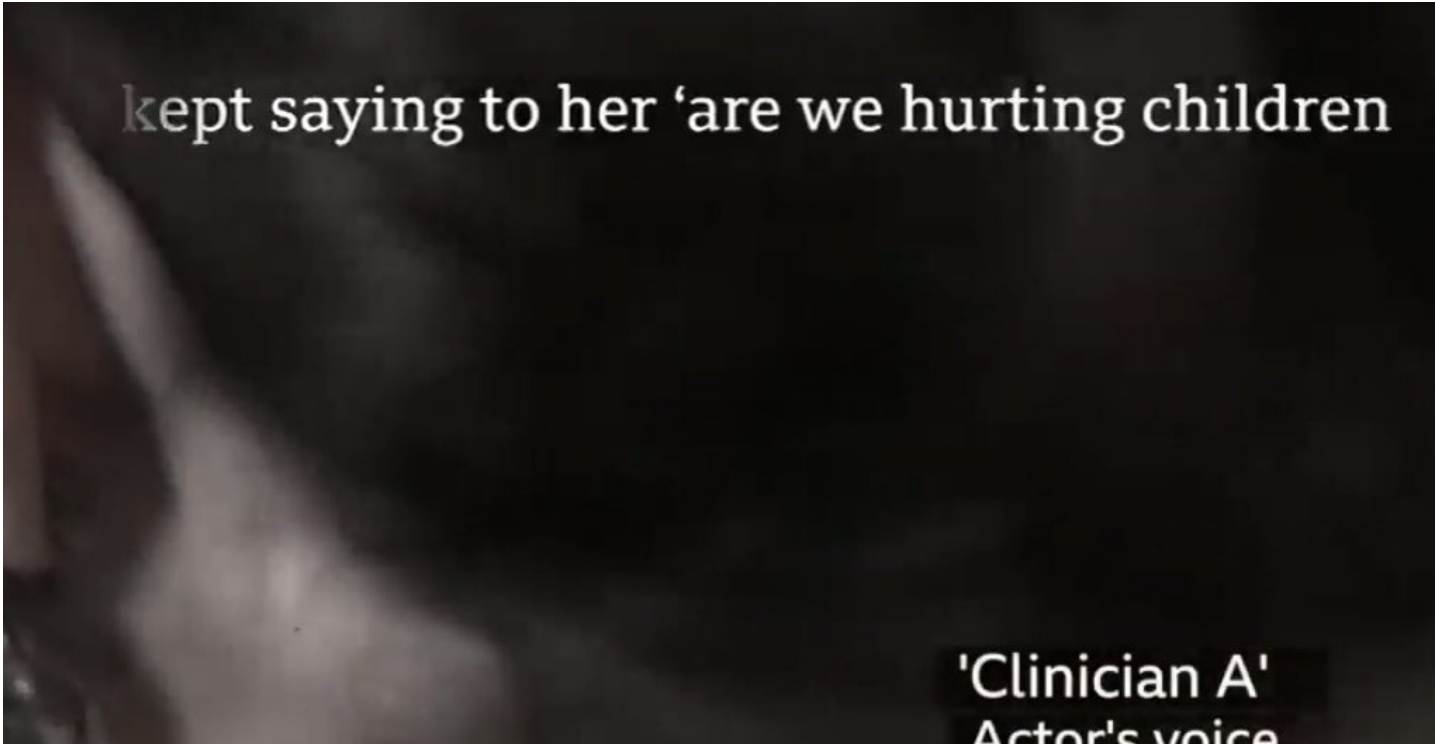
I think it is the case that somehow the organisation works to evacuate people who are not compliant.

Told it would be injurious to their careers.



When I raised concerns I was told that I had to toe the line or I would never progress in my career.

Polly Carmichael asked “are we hurting the children?”



kept saying to her ‘are we hurting children

'Clinician A'  
Actor's voice