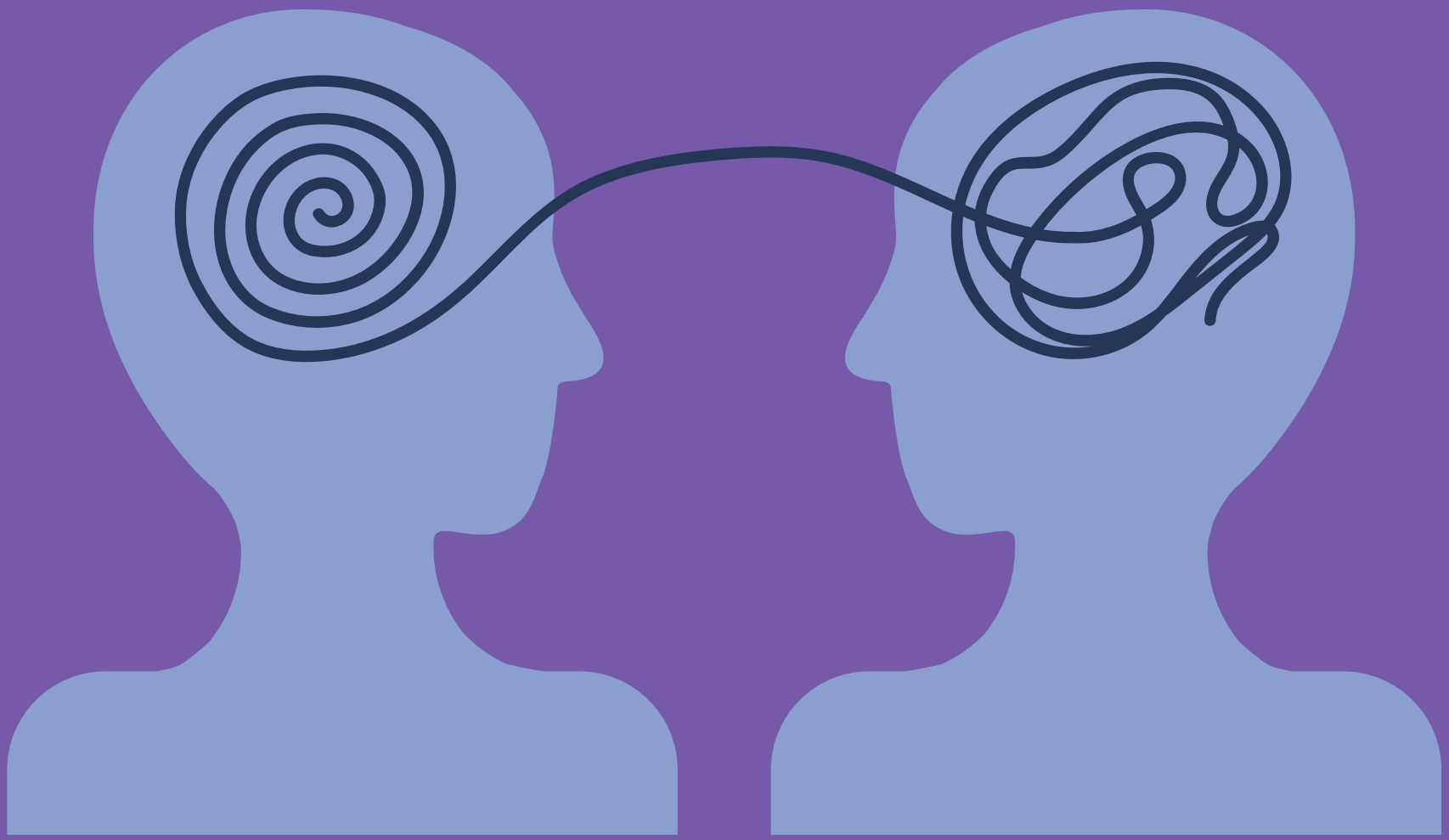
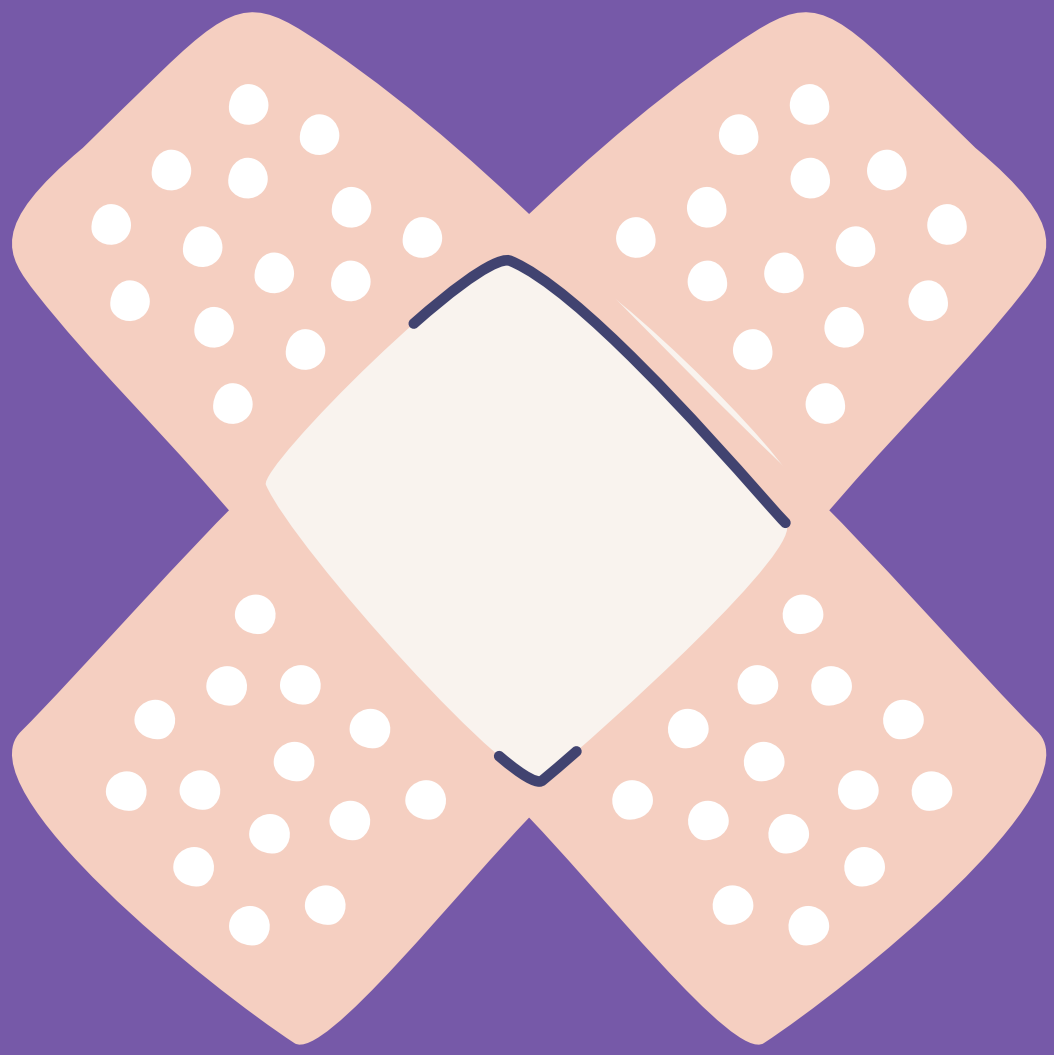


It is illegal for health practitioners in QLD to perform anti-LGBTQA+ conversion practices

Conversion practices, sometimes called conversion therapy, seek to **change or suppress** a person's sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression.



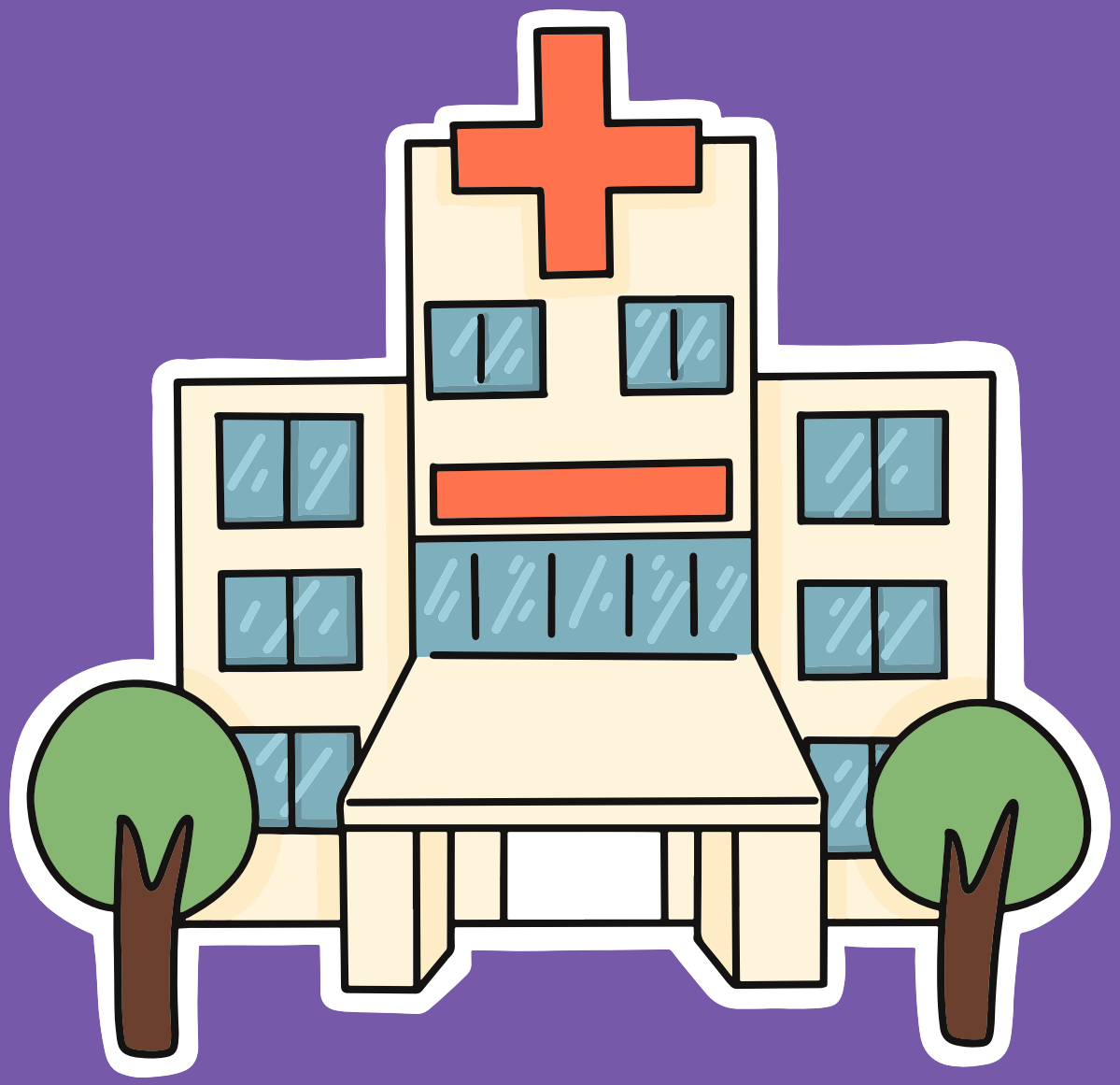
It is based on the **disproven and harmful** idea that being LGBTQA+ is a choice or a disorder that can be cured.

Conversion camps and courses are extreme examples, but there are more common conversion practices that can be **harder to recognise**.

Common examples:

- suggesting that LGBTQA+ identity formed due to difficult childhood experiences
- suggesting that the aim of therapy should be to change or suppress LGBTQA+ identity
- encouraging a person to “detransition”, or shame them into gender conforming behaviours

All QLD health practitioners are banned from performing conversion practices.



This includes psychologists, psychiatrists, counsellors, doctors, nurses, naturopaths and social workers. It includes businesses and organisations that provide health and wellbeing services.

Religious and spiritual practices, such as prayer and religious teaching, **are not banned**

Extreme practices that involve kidnapping, torture, electrocution, or physical harm are **serious crimes.** These acts are not religious practices.

If you have experienced conversion practices, contact the LGBTI Legal Service for free legal adivce.