

Be #StomaAware

# Smash Social Exclusion

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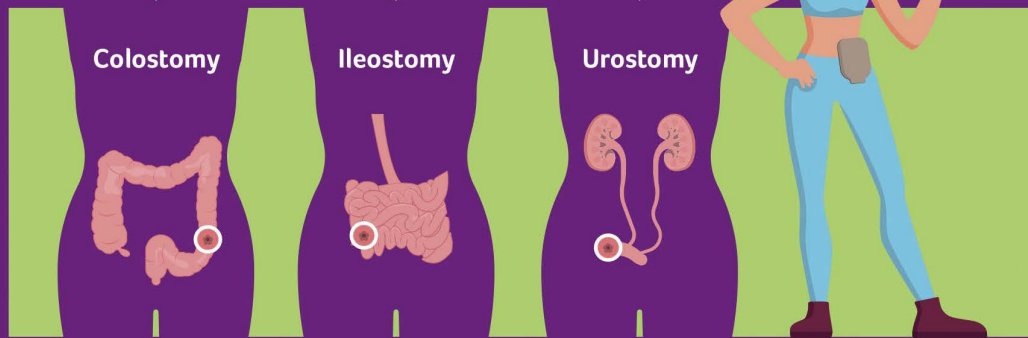
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## What is a Stoma?

A stoma is a surgically-created opening in the abdomen. It diverts the flow of bodily waste from a damaged or non-functioning bowel and/or bladder, allowing it to be collected in a bag.

\*A stoma can be temporary or permanent

There are three main types of stoma:



Diverts faeces from the colon

Diverts faeces from the small intestine

Diverts urine away from the bladder

A person wears a bag on their abdomen to collect bodily waste



Over **200,000** People in the UK have a stoma

## Who has a Stoma?

Anyone can have a stoma.

## Why do I need to be Stoma Aware?

Empower people to access the information and Support they need.

Not all disabilities are visible

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To stop Prejudice and discrimination.

## Why do people need a stoma?

- Diverticulitis
- Cancer
- Crohn's & Colitis
- Childbirth
- Endometriosis
- Trauma
- Medical Negligence