A market-leading female health hub for the millions of women experiencing life-impacting symptoms of menopause



### What is menopause?

Perimenopause can start up to 10 years prior to periods stopping

Menopause is 1 year after your periods have stopped (if >50) and 2 years if <50 All women will go through the menopause, but will all experience a different number, range and severity of symptoms



Menopause is caused by a natural change in oestrogen and progesterone levels caused by the ovaries shutting down

Treatments aim to manage the symptoms experienced but do not stop or slow down the rate of the natural menopause process

### 3 transitional stages of menopause

### **PERIMENOPAUSE**

- first stage of the menopause transition
- average 4-5 years, can be shorter or longer
- irregular menstrual cycle
- hormone fluctuations
- physical and psychological symptoms
- pregnancy is still possible
- symptoms will differ between women

### Timespan 4-12 years

#### **MENOPAUSE**

- average age of menopause differs globally
- occurs 1 year after a woman's final period
- menopause lasts 1 day
- sex hormones cease
- menopause signifies the end of reproduction
- symptoms will differ between women

### **POST MENOPAUSE**

- final stage in the transition
- average 4-5 years, can be shorter or longer
- symptoms can become milder
- liberating and rewarding
- energy, focus, confidence returns
- ability to say 'No'
- pregnancy is not possible
- symptoms will differ between women

### What are the symptoms of menopause?

- Mood Swings
- Brain Fog
- Lack of Motivation
- Difficulty Focusing
- Headaches
- Night Sweats
- Hot Flashes
- Breast Tenderness
- Digestive Problems
- Quick Weight Gain
- Loss of Libido
- Vaginal Dryness
- Periods Stop
- Osteoporosis
- Joint Stiffness
- Muscle Aches
- Decreased Confidence

- Hair Thins
- Dry Skin
- Acne
- Dry Eyes
- Wrinkles
- Dry Mouth
- Bloating
- Fatigue
- Insomnia
- Anxiety
- Urinary Pain
- Clammy Feeling
- Burning Mouth
- Facial Hair
- Dizziness
- Lack of Focus
- Depression



## Top menopause five symptoms

affecting women's productivity at work are\*:



brain fog



stress & anxiety



low energy



poor concentration



trouble sleeping

 $\hbox{``Health\& Her Survey Data Conducted with 680 employees across multiple industry sectors}$ 



# The ramifications of the menopause

The age women transition through the menopause correlates with divorce rates - highest amongst the 45 - 55 age group

Women are having children later in life - teenagers will experience puberty as mum is transitioning through the menopause

Female suicide peaks
between age 47- 49,
coinciding with the age for
menopause in the UK

At work women perceive men won't understand or will show bias so may not ask for help



### Menopause – the statistics

**13 million** peri or menopausal women in the UK

More than **30** recognised **symptoms** of the menopause

77% of women find at least one menopause symptom 'very difficult'

**84%** experience trouble sleeping

**73%** experience brain fog

69% experience difficulties with anxiety and depression due to the menopause

**45%** of women have not consulted a GP about their symptoms

Only **14%** of women are currently taking prescribed HRT treatment

# Menopause is costing businesses in lost talent and lost productivity

4.4 million

women in the workplace are menopausal – 10% of the working population

1 in 4

women are **considering leaving**the worforce because
of **menopause** 

10%

of women have **left the workforce** because of **menopause** 

£1.88 billion GDP

the amount **lost in productivity**and hours due to the
menopause **every year** 



## Why we must keep menopause on our agenda

10%

of workforce is going through perimenopause or menopause

### 3 years

is the average time it takes to get a diagnosis from a regular GP 80%

will experience life-affecting symptoms and 45% will find their symptoms hard to deal with

90%

of women say their work life has been negatively affected by menopause symptoms



### Menopause in numbers

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45-55

years old is the typical age for menopause to occur with an average age of 51

50%

menopausal women say they feel depressed

90%

feel unable to talk to managers at work about menopause

41%

said poor concentration or forgetfulness led them to making mistakes 3 in 4

experience symptoms

**37%** 

menopausal women say they suffer with anxiety

29%

have significantly lost self-confidence at work

11%

did not go for promotion because of the menopause 1 in 4

experience severe symptoms

72%

say they feel unsupported in work

63%

feel their work life has been negatively affected

90%

said their workplace had no support for menopausal employees

Source: Fawcett Society 2022, (n: 4,000)

### The business case



5.1 million women over 45 are in the workplace.



Women 50+ are the fastest growing workplace demographic (Brewis et al., 2015, CIPD, 2019).



People are now working and living longer i.e. In 1986 the average age of the labour market exit was 60; by 2020 it had increased to 64.3 (DWP, 2021)



Approx. 80% of women experiencing menopause are in work.



14 million annual sick days are taken resulting from menopause symptoms at a cost to the UK economy and businesses of £1.8bn.



Nearly 1 million women have left jobs due to menopause.



It costs over £30k to replace a lost employee who earns £25k.



The Parliamentary Women's & Equality Committee inquiry recommends menopause become a protected characteristic under The Equality Act 2010.



Employment tribunals involving menopause have quadrupled in the past three years.

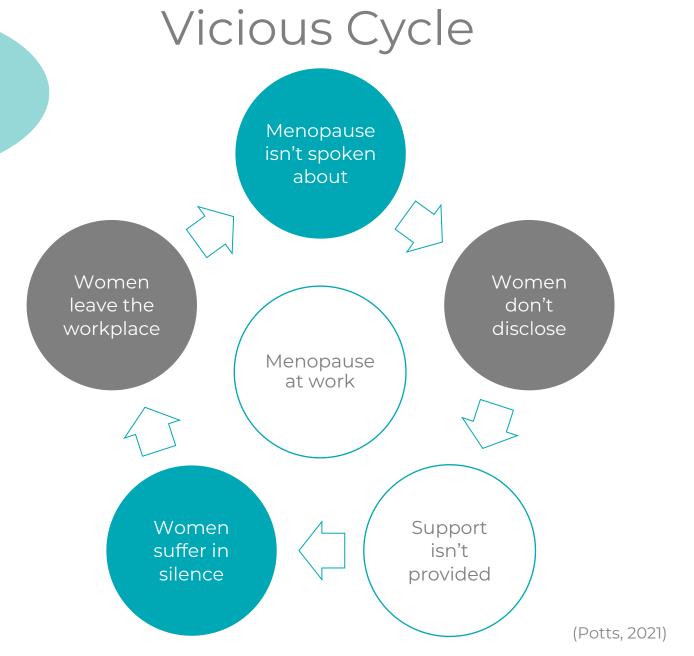


"We are living like it's not happening"

Michelle Obama, 2020

## The challenge

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### How to get started

Understand your workplace demographics

Understand what people need

Create a business case to quantify and fund menopause support

Produce workplace menopause policies / guidance documents

















Schedule menopause training for ALL employees

Identify an accessible safe space to have confidential conversations

Consider and action appropriate workplace adjustments

Communicate the support available and how to access

Consult with experts to get it right

### Health & Her – the menopause experts



Free menopause surveys - to give employees a confidential voice and establish baseline need



**GP led webinars** and menopause awareness training to get the conversation started



Menopause policy development guidance & best practice to create bespoke policy



Health & Her App – free menopause app allows women to track their symptoms, triggers and period changes. Provides employees with access to expert advice, evidence-based exercises and personal insights.



Menopause Specialist GP consultation for employees – empowers women with expert support and treatment planning



Awareness raising – complimentary menopause posters and assets to raise awareness and signpost to support available.

### Trusted by thousands of women





Highest rated menopause app



" It's been invaluable working with Health & Her, their general awareness session and line manager training were well attended, received positively and really useful, with great feedback "

### Who we work with:



















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### Questions?

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