

Women need twice as many toilets as men, say public health experts

Notes & Cues:	<p>Article:</p> <p>Toilet provisions for women in the UK must be boosted so there are two female toilets to every male one, according to a new report on the state of public facilities.</p> <p>The Royal Society for Public Health (RSPH) recommends new laws governing female toilets in the UK, and cites existing “potty parity” laws in the US and Canada, where a two-to-one ratio is mandated in some jurisdictions.</p> <p>A two-to-one ratio is recommended “because of time consuming factors related to clothing, menstruation, and anatomical differences, ” reads the report. The existing British standard is 1:1.</p> <p>The report also raises concerns about the decline in the number of public toilets in the UK. “Our report highlights that the dwindling public toilet numbers in recent years is a threat to health, mobility, and equality that we cannot afford to ignore, ” said RSPH CEO Shirley Cramer.</p> <p>“As is so often the case in this country, it is a health burden that falls disproportionately on already disadvantaged groups.”</p> <p>With that in mind the report urges the government to reverse funding cuts and provide more money for investment in civil infrastructure.</p>
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