



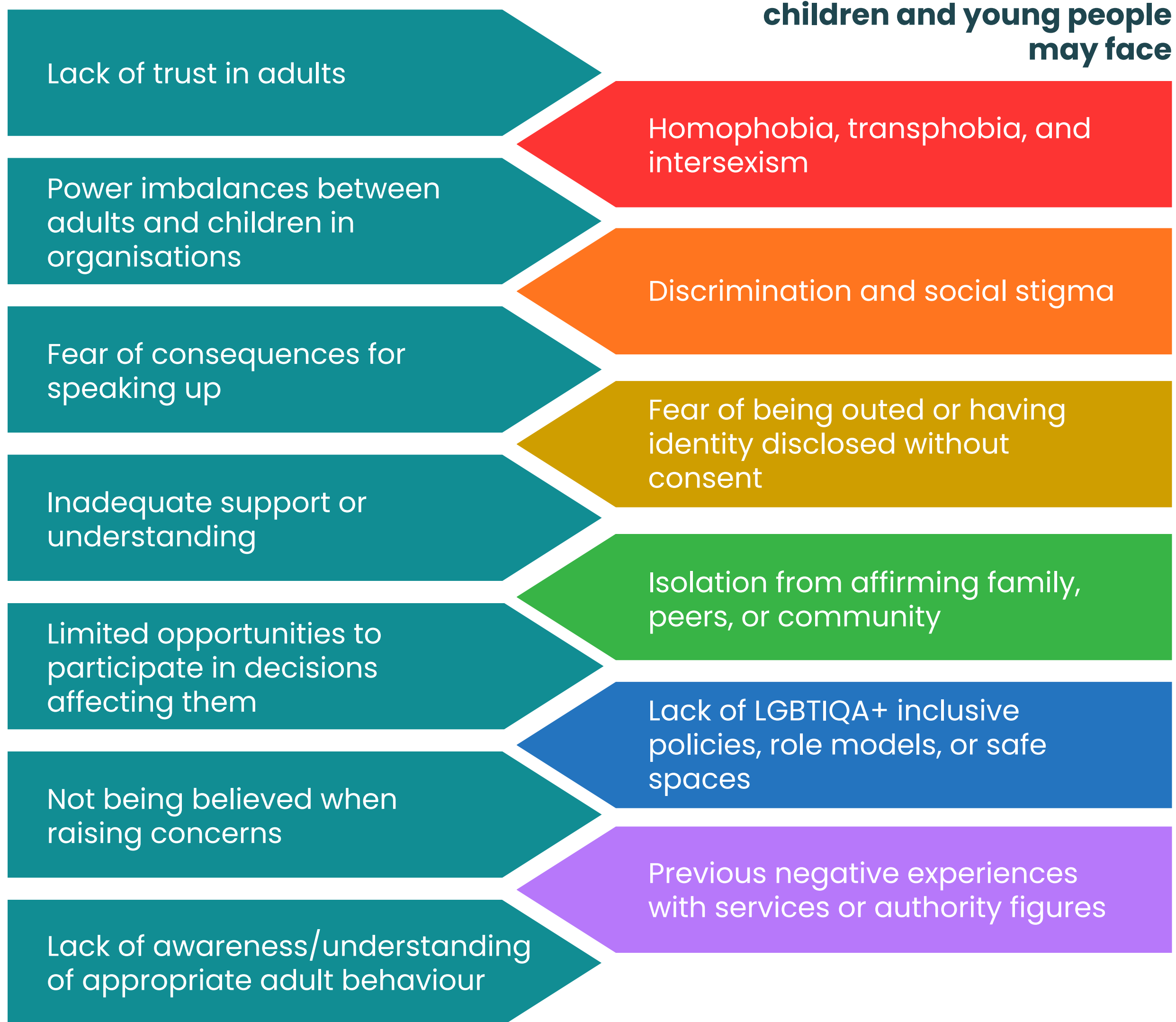
Barriers to safety for LGBTIQ+ children and young people

LGBTIQ+ children and young people may experience many of the same barriers to feeling (and being) safe as all children and young people. They may also face additional barriers linked to identity, discrimination, or fear of being outed.

Understanding all potential barriers is important when implementing the Standards.

Barriers experienced by many children and young people

Additional barriers LGBTIQ+ children and young people may face



It is best practice for organisations to recognise and respond both to shared barriers and identity-specific barriers when applying the Standards to ensure LGBTIQ+ children and young people feel safe, respected, and able to speak up.

Recognising these barriers helps organisations identify where their policies, practices, and environments may unintentionally discourage LGBTIQ+ children and young people from seeking help or raising concerns.

