

## Code 3: Lack of Psychosexual Care

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Time and time again, this has come up as lacking overall as part of patient care.

- ‘Erections are an afterthought.’—ID4
- ‘Medical therapy was given but one year later, after continence issues had settled.’—ID5
- ‘No therapies were offered’—ID4
- ‘Increasing diagnoses, should mean improved care.’—ID2

Patients do have these problems, yet they are unaddressed by secondary care, with limited access to treatment of side effects or ED management. It is very clear from these comments that psychosexual care is a significant area of care which needs to be addressed (Table 48.1). There were also significant time delays e.g. 12 months of getting access to ED medication. It was highlighted that care needs to be tailored to each patients’ personal circumstance.

**Table 48.1** Code 3: Lack of psychosexual care

	Patient quotes using Patient Identification Numbers
Lack of psychosexual care	‘We were left in the dark.’—ID2 ‘No prescriptions were given in community.’—ID2
Pre-operative pathway requirement	‘There was a big chance of no erectile function afterwards—leaflets are not enough.’—ID3
Requirement for a standardized pathway	‘There is an immediate assumption we do not want therapy.’ ‘The intervention needs to be automatic and standard care.’—ID1