Record Nr. UNINA9910639897803321 Autore Cooper Sarah Titolo Analysing gender in healthcare: the politics of sex and reproduction / / Sarah Cooper Pubbl/distr/stampa Cham, Switzerland:,: Palgrave Macmillan,, [2023] ©2022 **ISBN** 9783031087288 9783031087271 Edizione [1st ed. 2022.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (256 pages) Palgrave Studies in Public Health Policy Research Series Collana Disciplina 613.04244 Soggetti Reproductive health services Women - Health and hygiene Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese Formato Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Chapter 1: Introduction -- Chapter 2: Analysing Gender in Health Policy -- Chapter 3: Adolescents and Sex Education: Deciding the Formal Agenda -- Chapter 4: Fertile Women and Family Planning: Activity at the Systemic Level -- Chapter 5 The Pregnant Woman: Pre and Post Natal Care in the Health Policy Community -- Chapter 6 The Infertile Woman: Local Level Access to IVF and Defining Reproductive Rights --Chapter 7: Conclusion. . Sommario/riassunto This book explores regulatory conundrums around adolescent sexual health, abortion and assisted reproductive technologies in the UK. In doing so, it seeks to examine the various stages at which women's reproductive health comes into contact with government action and assesses how these legal and policy fields are shaped through the conceptual lens of policy networks. Transformed expectations of women's roles, along with developed biological capabilities and understandings of gender and sexuality have driven an increasingly complex politics of sex and reproduction. The book argues that assumed medial control over these issues is overshadowed by government calculations of cost-effectiveness. Moreover, decisions on

the design of programmes and levels of access continually reflect traditional family formation. The outcome is unsurprisingly the

marginalisation of women in publicly funded healthcare, but with a clear further impact on gender and sex minorities. COVID-19 has disrupted these dynamics further, altering the manner in which previously inhibited patients engage with the NHS. As the pandemic recedes it has become more timely than ever to consider the future of gendered healthcare in the UK, and to question the likelihood of long term change in the ability of patients to inform health policy decisions. The book will appeal to scholars and students of gender and health policy, law and politics, as well as healthcare practitioners. Sarah Cooper is Lecturer in Politics at the University of Exeter, UK. She was Co-Chair of the Council for European Studies' 'Gender and Sexuality Research Network' from 2018-2021.