A woman’s relationship with the menopause is complicated...

Three quarters of women* in the United Kingdom say that the menopause has caused them to change their lives and more than half say it has had a negative impact on their lives.**

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** Work can be a struggle

- 45% of women say they feel their menopause symptoms have had a negative impact on their work.
- 47% who have needed to take a day off work due to menopause symptoms say they wouldn’t tell their employer the real reason.

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** Social lives can take a back seat

- Over 33% of women feel less outgoing in social situations.
- 32% of women feel they are no longer good company.
- 23% of women feel more isolated.

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** Sex can be off the menu

- 51% of women say that their menopause had affected their sex lives.
- 42% of women also say they just didn’t feel as sexy since experiencing the menopause.

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** Partners are left feeling helpless

- 38% of partners say they feel helpless when it comes to supporting their partner through the menopause.
- 28% of partners say they often end up having arguments “because they don’t understand what she is going through”.

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* Either currently experiencing menopausal symptoms OR have experienced menopausal symptoms within the last ten years.
** Whose menopause symptoms strongly affected their life.

About the findings in this infographic: On behalf of the British Menopause Society, Edelman Intelligence conducted online interviews with 1,000 adults in the UK (698 women and 302 men) who were aged 45+ and either peri-menopausal, menopausal or post-menopausal or partners of those who are in a relationship with a woman who is either peri-menopausal, menopausal or post-menopausal, nationally representative of the online population in terms of regional spread.

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