Sweden’s response on the topic of “Conversion therapy”

The enjoyment of human rights for LGBTI persons is a priority for the Swedish government. Everyone is entitled to equal rights and opportunities regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

Swedish state institutions do not practice conversion therapy. Treatment given in the Swedish health care system must be evidence based, requires informed consent and must be based on a medical need. Homosexuality is not a disease and does not require treatment. Therefore, homosexuality may not be treated in the health care system.

Sweden has no legal definition of conversion therapy but forcing someone to undergo conversion therapy, in any context, could be punishable as e.g. unlawful coercion.