

LGBT+ NHS AND SOCIAL CARE, COMMUNITY DISCUSSION



An event enabled by the LGB&T Dorset Equality Network

Arrival/sign-in, and networking: 6 – 6:15pm

Introduction of panellists and commencement of discussion: 6:15 – 6:20pm

Questions:

Question 1: In the experience and related views of the panellists what are the main obstacles to NHS and social care organisations [national and local] providing services that are safe and appropriate for LGBT community members and LGBT staff, and what are the main areas where positive change can emerge?

Question 2: Mental health issues particular to our sexual and gender minority communities – in the view of the panellists, what are the main issues and support needs, and how ready are health and social care organisations commissioners and relevant services leads to engage with this agenda to bring about meaningful change & improvement?

Question 3: In regard to Trans & Non-Binary communities' engagement, what could be done by NHS and social care services providers to make their services appropriate, and gain the trust and confidence of the Trans & Non-Binary communities?

Question 4: In the view of the panellists what grounds are there for optimism at operational level for meaningful change taking place to eliminate all forms of direct and indirect anti-LGBT discrimination in health and social care, and how could our LGBT communities assist directly with this regarding training, auditing, and independent monitoring?

Conclusion: 8:15pm

Opportunity for Networking: 8:15 – 8:30pm

Refreshments: Tea, coffee and water will be available.

Panellists: there will be 5-6 panellists who will be combined of community leads and community members respected for expertise in the topics the questions cover, and NHS and potentially social services/social care organisations officers

The discussion will be chaired by Alan Mercel-Sanca, Initiator, co-founder and Convenor of the LGB&T Dorset Equality Network

A short report with recommendations, will be compiled from the discussion event, with subsequent dissemination to NHS & social care leads locally and nationally, and shared with the appropriate Select Committees in Parliament