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Developing an LGBT&I inclusive environment for older people living in care homes: Project Evaluation Seminar

Over the last 10 months Anchor has piloted a new scheme that aims to enhance the inclusion of older Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) residents in six of their London care homes. This half day seminar shares the outcomes of this project and an opportunity to discuss the recommendations and implications for this work within the Care Home Sector and for Older LGBT people.

FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 09.30 – 13.30 at **Age UK** 1-6 Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9NA (nearest public transport: Euston/Kings Cross/Holborn)

Programme:

09.00 Arrival and registration

09.30 Welcome and introduction from Anchor UK: Jane Ashcroft, Chief Executive

09.45 Dr Kathryn Almack "Being Accepted Being Me: Why visibility of LGBT people matters in end of life care"

10.10 Dr Paul Simpson : "We've Had Our Sex Life Way Back: Older Care Home Residents, Sex, Sexuality and Intimacy."

10.30 Questions and discussion

10.50 Break with refreshments

11.15 Dr Trish Hafford-Letchfield "Developing an inclusive environment or LGBT older people in residential care – overview of the Anchor pilot"

11.30 Project Community Advisors "Collaborative approaches – how was it for you?"

11.50 Anchor Care Home Managers "Learning about LGBT issues in care – taking it forward"

12.10 Break out groups – An opportunity to participate in more in-depth discussion in one of small groups on current issues raised through the pilot

Group a) Working in partnership with the LGBT community – led by Derek Freeman and Paul Webley 'Opening Doors'

Group b) Supporting older LGBT people with dementia – led by Antony Smith, Age UK

Group c) Developing and supporting the workforce to provide effective support – led by Neil Chick, LB Islington

12.40 Plenary with feedback from breakout groups – chaired by Rowena McCarthy Anchor LGBT National Advisory Group

13.00 A light lunch and an opportunity to network

Anchor thanks Comic Relief Care Home Challenge for funding this project.