

The National

LGB&T Partnership



A quick guide to who we are 2016-17

LGBT
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stonewall
housing

METRO
Embrace Difference

elop
promoting health and wellbeing


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GMFA
for gay men's sexual health

biUK

friend LONDON 


consortium
of lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender
voluntary and community organisations

**Yorkshire
MESMAC**

 Birmingham **LGBT**

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Introduction to the National LGB&T Partnership

The National LGB&T Partnership was established in early 2010, in order to reduce health inequalities and challenge homophobia, biphobia and transphobia within public services. As of April 2016, the Partnership combines the expertise of eleven key LGB&T organisations across England, as well as having access to a national stakeholder mailing list of a further 747 organisations and individuals, with a combined reach of over 1 million.

Core Partners

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| 1. LGBT Foundation | 6. Birmingham LGBT | 10. BiUK |
| 2. London Friend | 7. East London Out Project (ELOP) | 11. Gender Identity Research and Education Society (GIRES) |
| 3. GMFA | 8. Stonewall Housing | |
| 4. METRO Charity | 9. Yorkshire MESMAC | |
| 5. LGBT Consortium | | |

Most of the partners have a long history of service delivery, working with LGBT people both locally and nationally. Services include 1-2-1 counselling, befriending, peer-support groups, helplines, community leader programmes, testing, advocacy, youth-work, HIV, housing support, drug and alcohol interventions, and much more. This enables the Partnership to act as a catalyst and connector, putting LGBT people and their issues firmly on the agenda of a wide range of decision makers.

The Partnership is a Sector Strategic Partner of the Department of Health, NHS England and PHE, collaborating with a wide range of organisations. It has experience of successfully influencing policy, practice and actions of Government, statutory bodies, and others.

The Partnership holds face-to-face meetings on a bi-monthly basis (ie. six per year), as well as project and workstream meetings held online every month. Further organisations (both LGBT and non-LGBT) are invited to contribute to seminars and project work, based upon their particular skills and expertise.

Within the Partnership, a core group of people also regularly attend Strategic Partner Programme (SPP) meetings.

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Key Objectives for 2016-17

The Partnership has identified five key objectives within health and social care:

1. **Act as a catalyst and connector**

We'll put LGBT people firmly on the agenda of decision-makers; increasing visibility through attending meetings, responding to consultations, lobbying and collaborations.

2. **Drive forward Sexual Orientation Monitoring and Trans Status Monitoring.**

We'll support the implementation of monitoring, which is vital in understanding LGBT people's needs, especially when often: "If you aren't counted, you don't count".

3. **Reduce health inequalities**

We'll challenge the impact of homophobia, biphobia and transphobia, in order to help reduce significant health and social care inequalities faced by LGBT people.

4. **Improve access to health and social care services**

We'll highlight the many barriers (both perceived and actual), which limit LGBT people accessing the support they need; identifying solutions and best practice.

5. **Ensure LGBT people's voices are heard**

We'll seek out and use the real voices and lived experiences of LGBT people within our communities, to inform people in positions of power and influence.

Key Review Findings 2016

In 2016, the Partnership commissioned a strategic review, undertaking consultation with both external and internal stakeholders. The review had very positive findings:

- The Partnership has developed an important (and evolving) best-practice model of partnership, involving organisations of different sizes and backgrounds.
- The Partnership is well respected and highly valued by the System Leads and Strategic Partners, as well as other organisations such as the CQC.
- The Partnership has helped to provide leadership within the Strategic Partner Programme; and is a driving force and key contributor to discussions, with engagement from the partners' Chief Executives.
- The Partnership has enabled the LGBT sector to influence the health and social care sector, in a way that couldn't have been achieved by the individual partners themselves. Local organisations now have important input at 'the national table'.
- The Partnership has significantly raised the voice of LGBT people; ensuring that their needs and experiences are now a key consideration in mainstream activities.
- The Partnership has successfully convinced the System Leads regarding the need for sexual orientation monitoring, and is now helping develop the information standard. Further work is being undertaken regarding trans status monitoring.
- The Partnership is a willing collaborator, seizing opportunities to work on projects with other Strategic Partners and between the partners themselves.
- The Partnership mostly maintains a healthy balance in acting as a critical friend, suggesting solutions and trying to work with the system rather than against it.
- Funding, and therefore sustainability of the Partnership, is currently dependent upon the Strategic Partners Programme as its sole source of income.

Achievements to date

In addition to the achievements of the key review findings, the Partnership has been involved in a broad work programme, including:

- **Consultations:** Contributing to 245 local and national consultations for a wide range of statutory agencies, helping to ensure that LGBT people's needs are considered in issues such as: prostate cancer, end of life care, mental health, HPV vaccination, obesity, substance misuse, the use of PrEP, care of transgender offenders, etc.
- **Website and newsletters:** Developing a dedicated website and monthly e-bulletin, which disseminates information to a growing Stakeholder Mailing List, (currently 747 recipients, with a reach of 1 million+). These resources highlight LGBT news, best practice, jobs, research, opportunities to feed into consultations and more.
- **Factsheets:** Developing a range of LGBT fact-sheets, including topics such as: (i) 14 different aspects of Trans Health; (ii) Smoking Cessation; (iii) Mental Health & Wellbeing; (iv) Alcohol IBA interventions; and (v) Sports and Physical Activity.
- **Outcome Framework Companions:** Developing LGBT companions for both the PHOF and ASCOF, which together, have been downloaded over 18,500 times. Work is now ongoing to produce a companion for the NHS Outcomes Framework.



PHOF companion



ASCOF companion



Factsheets

- **Voice:** Raising LGBT voice through running a series of events across the country, as well as the production of position and briefing papers, e-videos and case-studies.
- **Sexual Orientation Monitoring:** Working with NHS England and the Health & Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) to create an 'information standard' for sexual orientation monitoring. This will fundamentally help build a more accurate picture of LGB people's needs. Further work is now also reviewing Trans Status Monitoring.
- **Dementia:** Undertaking two separate projects in relation to dementia, including (i) a roundtable with the National Care Forum; and (ii) involvement in a wider partnership with the Strategic Partners, to produce an equalities dementia report (2016 launch).
- **Collaborations:** As well as many collaborations between the partners themselves, there have also been lots of specific projects with other Strategic Partners to ensure inclusion of LGBT issues in guidance on health and social care, including:
 - Writing 'I Statements' resources for LGBT communities with National Voices;
 - Improving volunteering for people in various settings when people receive care (in care homes and in their own home) with Volunteering Matters;
 - Working with PHE regarding intersectional health issues for BME MSM;
 - Working with Macmillan to help develop the UK's first LGBT Cancer Taskforce;
 - Initiating the idea of a health guide for Trans men by Men's Health Forum; and
 - Reviewing the Better Care Report to consider LGB&T issues with Scope.