**Pride in Practice**

Pride in Practice is a training, quality assurance and social prescribing programme to strengthen and develop Primary Care Services’ relationship with lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT) patients within the local community. Pride in Practice enables practitioners to confidently and effectively meet the needs of LGBT patients through increased awareness and understanding of different healthcare needs.

We would like to congratulate the following Lambeth practices for achieving a **Bronze, Silver or Gold** accreditation. This shows the LGBTQ+ community in Lambeth that they will be respected, valued and understood when accessing healthcare at their local GP practice.

Grantham Practice

Knights Hill Surgery

The Corner Surgery

Hetherington Group Practice

Hetherington at the Pavillion

Beckett House Practice

The Iveagh Surgery

Clapham Family Practice

Herne Hill Group Practice

Stockwell Group Practice

Herne Hill Road Medical Practice

Mawbey Group Practice

Patient voice is really important. Lambeth Links have contacted all GPs to encourage them to sign up for this fully funded programme of training/support/accreditation.

**If you don't see your GP surgery in the list above, then please contact your practice directly to encourage them to sign up for Pride in Practice. Please use the template on the following page and email it to your Practice Manager.**

We would like to thank Lambeth Council for funding this important programme for another year.

<https://lgbt.foundation/how-we-can-help-you/pride-in-practice>

<https://lgbt.foundation/prideinpractice>

<https://love.lambeth.gov.uk/pride-in-practice-launches-in-lambeth-for-2020-21/>

Date………………

Dear Practice Manager,

I am writing to ask you to participate in the fully funded Pride in Practice accreditation programme run by LGBT Foundation and funded by Lambeth Council.

South East London has the highest concentration of LGBT people in Europe, a high HIV prevalence, & lower than average testing rates. The programme will address these issues as well as questions around things like cancer screening, GDC referrals, & using EMIS or SNOMED to better meet the needs of trans patients.

Pride in Practice enables healthcare professionals confidently & effectively meet the needs of their service users through training, increased awareness & understanding the different healthcare needs that practitioners may encounter with LGBT patients.

Pride in Practice is endorsed & informed by the Royal College of General Practitioners, Care Quality Commission, Royal College of Nursing, Royal Pharmaceutical Society, & Government Equalities Office as well as regulatory bodies in dentistry, pharmacy, and optometry. In just a few simple steps, it enables practices to evidence their commitment and compliance with the GMC Good Practice Guidelines & the Equality Act 2010.

Pride in Practice was launched by LGBT Foundation in Manchester where it has achieved excellent results. 100% of the 4,496 health professionals they’ve trained can evidence improvements within their service as a result of Pride in Practice. Over 70% of all practices awarded achieved an Outstanding CQC Inspection result.

All practices in Lambeth are being offered the opportunity for training, resources, and a dedicated account manager for the service. This includes an award plaque, rainbow lanyards, & ongoing support for the whole practice team. Training and accreditation is fully funded and practices have the opportunity to achieve a Gold, Silver or Bronze award.

As a patient of yours, I would really like my practice to gain accreditation to ensure healthcare for the LGBTQ+ community across Lambeth is outstanding and consistent. I would like you to contact **PIP@LGBT.Foundation** to sign up the practice to this scheme.

Yours sincerely

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