

10 recommendations to improve health and social care for LGBT people with advanced illness

5 recommendations for individual health and social care professionals

1. Avoid using heterosexually framed or assumption-laden language
2. Demonstrate sensitivity in exploration of sexual orientation or gender history
3. Respect individuals' preferences regarding disclosure of sexual identity or gender history
4. Carefully explore intimate relationships and significant others, including biological and chosen family (friends)
5. Explicitly include partners and/or significant others in discussions



5 recommendations for health and social care organisations

1. Make clear statements of policies and procedures related to discrimination
2. Include content regarding LGBT communities in training on diversity and discrimination
3. Increase LGBT visibility in written materials and imagery
4. Provide explicit markers of inclusion
5. Initiate partnerships and/or engagement with LGBT community groups

