Older LGBT+ Adults Services



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Introductions

Older LGBT+ Adults Project – Bradford Day Opportunities funded. SAGE Project – Time to Shine and Yorkshire MESMAC funded.



Key Project Themes & Responsibilities

- Peer Support
- Independence
- Intersectionality
- Challenging health inequalities
- Overcoming barriers to accessing digital technology

- Mental health
- Partnership working
- Living a happy and healthy lifestyle
- HIV Prevention
- Training for professionals





Lockdown

- Social Isolation and Loneliness exasperated.
- Group services gone digital some more successfully than others.
- Peer support limited.

- "I'm 84 and I can't wait to get back to my gay support group"
- "the coronavirus came into effect and it felt like the safe space I had curated in recent years had completely fallen apart"
- "It's one of the few places I've truly been able to be my authentic self."



Any questions?



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