

GAY PEOPLE

Action for Men

This is a men's health project supporting the sexual health and mental health needs of gay men, bi-sexual men and other men who have sex with men. It is funded by Health Trusts to work across North Essex. The website also has information about other organisations and facilities in North Essex of interest to gay or bi-sexual men.

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Email: action4men@epping-pct.nhs.uk

Website: www.action4men.org

Civil Partnerships

People in same-sex relationships are entitled to form civil partnerships with the same rights and responsibilities as married couples. You can get a free booklet "Civil Partnership – legal recognition for same-sex couples" from the Advice Centre (01279 446622) or by ringing 0845 015 0010, quoting URN 05/1485.

The Women and Equality Unit website provides more information at www.womenandequalityunit.gov.uk/civilpartnership/links.htm

The gay rights organisation, Stonewall, has also produced a mini guide to civil partnerships. Details about Stonewall are on the next page.

Gay Youth UK

This website gives information, support, help and advice to all gay youth in the UK. It is also for young people who may be questioning their own sexuality or who may be bi-sexual.

www.gayyouthuk.org.uk

Lesbian and Gay Anglia (LAGA)

This helpline offers free support and information for everything lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender across Essex and East Anglia.

0845 1232388 7.30pm to 10pm, Monday to Saturday

Lesbian and Gay Helpline (Essex)

This organisation offers information and support to lesbians, gay men and bi-sexual people, their families and friends. If you want to find out what's going on in the area or just chat to someone who will understand, call

01206 869191 7pm to 10pm, Monday to Friday

London Lesbian and Gay Switchboard

This is a voluntary organisation which aims to provide a 24 hour information, support and referral service for lesbians, gay men and people who are bi-sexual from all backgrounds throughout the United Kingdom. The service is confidential, supportive and non-judgmental and promotes a positive attitude to being lesbian, gay or bi-sexual.

020 7837 7324 Telephone and minicom helpline, 24 hours a day

Website: www.llgs.org.uk

Queery?

This website lists venues and services for the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender communities throughout the UK. It was developed by the London Lesbian and Gay Switchboard. Log onto www.queery.org.uk

Stonewall

Stonewall works for equality and justice for lesbians, gay men and bi-sexuals. Its online information bank covers topics such as coming out and sexuality, criminal law, disability, education, employment, immigration, legal advice, leisure, multiple discrimination, partnership, parenting and violent and hate crimes.

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Website: www.stonewall.org.uk