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LPT takes Pride in backing city centre equality parade

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) will be flying the flag for equality as a participant in this year's Leicester Pride event which begins at 11am on Saturday 30 August 2014 at Victoria Park.

The Trust, which provides community health, mental health and learning disability services in Leicestershire and Rutland, will be promoting its work to support the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGB&T) community in the workplace and in accessing health care.

LPT's equality team will be at Victoria Park throughout the annual LGB&T summer event, along with colleagues from University Hospitals of Leicester, Leicester City Clinical Commissioning Group and Leicester LGBT Centre.

Team members will be inviting members of the LGBT community to tell them how effective the healthcare service has been for them and to share views on how services can be improved and potential barriers overcome.

In May 2013 LPT launched its LGBT Open Mind service – a psychological therapies service promoting positive mental health and wellbeing for the LGBT community. The clinic provides a confidential therapy service for people over 16 and living in Leicester city who are troubled, stressed, anxious or depressed. LPT provides the service in partnership with Trade sexual health and the Leicester LGBT Centre.

LPT chief executive Dr Peter Miller said. 'As a Stonewall diversity champion our Trust is continually seeking to enhance access to services for service users, including people from the LGBT communities, who we know can face barriers in accessing health care.'

“The continual work of our equality team and partners can help to remove these barriers and reduce health inequalities. Feedback from the day will be used to promote best practice that can be shared with our partners to maximise LGBT friendly service delivery.”

The Trust’s Leicester Pride team will include Louise Ross, stop smoking service manager, who said “I’m looking forward to talking to visitors to Leicester Pride about how our staff are doing everything we can to make our services right for LGBT people. I know from experience that I expect the right care when I see a healthcare professional, and we need to make sure that everyone gets a service that is respectful and appropriate.”

For more information visit www.leicesterpride.com or contact LPT’s Equality team on Leicester 0116 295 7680 or email: equality@leicspart.nhs.uk

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Note to editors

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) provides a range of health and wellbeing services mainly for people living Leicester, Leicestershire and. Trust serves a population of one million, has a budget in excess of £267 million and employs approximately 5,400 staff. For more information visit www.leicspart.nhs.uk

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