

CAGS Press Release: Croydon gay group to hear health talk

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A noted expert on LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) health issues is to speak at an open meeting in Croydon. Dr Justin Varney is Consultant in Public Health Medicine and co-chair of the Gay and Lesbian Association of Doctors and Dentists. The meeting, at 8 pm on Tuesday the 6th of April in The Brief, 48 George St, Croydon CR0 1PD, is organised by Croydon Area Gay Society (CAGS) and is free of charge and open to all.

Dr Varney said “Did you know that gay men under 25 are six times as likely to have attempted suicide as their straight counterparts? That lesbian women are less likely to access breast and cervical screening because of fears of discrimination? Want to understand how the NHS works? Where you can make your voice heard to ensure LGBT people get the services they need? What are the health issues that affect LGBT people? and what should you be asking for?”

The event is one of a series “The Brief Encounter” presented by CAGS at The Brief on the first Tuesday of alternate months. Past speakers have included Peter Tatchell and Brian Paddick, and the February meeting was a “hustings” event at which representatives of the various political parties answered questions from the audience. The Brief is now open again following a major re-furbishment.

There’s more about CAGS and The Brief Encounter on www.cags.org.uk.

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