



Your help is needed...!

Hi everyone,

My name is Nancy Clark and I'm a Phd research student from Canterbury Christ Church University looking for carers to help me with my research on your experiences of being an LGBT+ carer of people aged 65+.

To take part you need to:

- Identify as being part of the LGBT+ community
- Live in England
- Be over 18
- Currently caring for someone 65 or over who lives in the UK (but not as paid work).

The person/s you care for:

May or may not be part of the LGBT+ community.

They do need to be over 65 and live in the UK.

They might be your spouse/partner; brother/sister, mother/father, friend or colleague.

If you are interested, there are two ways you can be involved:

First - there is an online survey that is now open till 1 November. You can find this here: <http://bit.ly/CarerOnlineSurvey>

Secondly if you want to take part in face to face interviews, I will be completing these next year. This involves two interviews approximately twelve months apart. I'm expecting each interview to last approximately 1-2 hours maximum. If you are interested in the interviews, please email me, so I can send you out full details. You can contact me at: nancy.clark@canterbury.ac.uk

I'm doing this research because to be honest there is not much out there about LGBT+ carers of older people. Up until the last few years I cared for my own parents. Since that time, there has been changes going on within health and social care – especially the Care Act. This has led to care and support being available to carers, after they have had a carer assessment, and this can also be reviewed. I want to know what's changed in this time for people– after all we have had austerity, a general election, and Brexit. Who'd a thought it!!

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

Nancy