The challenges posed by a dementia diagnosis are different for everyone, being part of the LGBTQ+ community and living with dementia can bring additional challenges and support needs.

We have established a Greater Manchester LGBTQ+ Online Dementia Support Group, to help members of this community to feel supported. This group has met twice since it started t in August 2021 and group members have spoken very positively about the difference the meeting has made to them; they valued having a safe space where they can be themselves.

The following stakeholders and partners, across all ten Greater Manchester localities, have committed to supporting this group: the LGBT Foundation; Age UK in Bury, Oldham, Salford and Trafford; Making Space in Oldham; African Caribbean Care Group in Manchester; commissioners from Oldham and Salford; Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust in Tameside; Bolton Dementia Support; Lewy Body Society in Wigan; the Alzheimer’s Society in Heywood Middleton and Rochdale, Stockport and Wigan; and Dementia United.

This team of stakeholders and partners have been able to listen, take forward actions and respond to issues that have been raised by attendees at the group meetings, over the last two months.

This group meets the first Tuesday of the month, 2-3:30. The link here [New GM LGBTQ+ Online Dementia Support Group - Dementia United (dementia-united.org.uk)](https://dementia-united.org.uk/news/2021/07/13/new-gm-lgbtq-online-dementia-support-group/), takes you to the details of how to register your interest and join the group. The flyer attached also provides more detail.

Please contact [helen.pratt5@nhs.net](mailto:helen.pratt5@nhs.net) if you have any questions and or want to find out more about the programme of work supporting the group.

**Suggested tweets**

We’ve established a Greater Manchester LGBTQ+ Online Dementia Support Group where members value having a safe space where they can be themselves & are able to raise issues to the team of stakeholders that support the group.

Find out [tinyurl.com/y8b3nar4](https://tinyurl.com/y8b3nar4)

Living with dementia & being part of the LGBTQ+ community can bring challenges. We’ve created a safe space where people from the community can be themselves and receive advice and support. Find out more <tinyurl.com/y8b3nar4>