

Professional sexual boundaries in home services

Date: Thursday 21st March 2019

Time: 2.00 - 4.00pm

Location: Multipurpose Room2. Kathleen Syme Library, 251 Faraday St Carlton.

Outline of the workshop

Home services encounter difficulties with professional boundaries on a daily basis and many provide information on professional boundaries to staff and prospective clients. Amongst the boundaries crossed in home services – sexual boundaries are particularly prevalent, but seldom discussed. There is a myth that because sexual boundaries are not discussed – they are not being crossed. This is not the case. Home services need policies, resources and education to safeguard staff, clients and home-based services.

This workshop has been developed for team leaders in home services. It focuses on professional boundaries related to older people's sexuality but has wider relevance. The workshop will explore:

1. An updated professional sexual boundaries policy
2. What professional sexual boundaries are
3. Suggestions for giving staff permission to talk about boundaries -and identifying issues
4. The significant risks associated with not having policy or staff education
5. Strategies for responding when a professional sexual boundary is crossed
6. Resources for clients, family and staff to ensure there is a clear understanding of the importance of professional sexual boundaries and the consequences of breaches
7. Strategies for educating staff.

Participants will leave the workshop with a copy of an updated Professional Sexual Boundaries policy and strategies for strategies for the education of staff in their service.

Facilitator

Dr Catherine Barrett has been working with older people for over 30 years as a nurse unit manager in residential aged care, educator, academic and capacity builder. Catherine established a Sexual Health and Ageing Program at La Trobe University and is the Director of the [OPAL Institute](#), promoting the [sexual rights of older people](#). Catherine has delivered education on professional sexual boundaries for the past 15 years and has developed related policies and educational resources.

Registration: \$191.66 (inclusive of afternoon tea and policy) through Eventbrite [here](#)

Registration limited: 30 places available

More info: email: director@celebrateageing.com or phone Catherine: 0429 582 237

Website: <https://www.celebrateageing.com/education.html>

