

# Sexuality & Privacy in Aged Care facilities

*Presentation and discussion forum for stakeholders in the aged care sector*

**Date:** Friday 16 December 2016

**Time:** 12noon – 1.30pm

**Venue:** Liggins Theatre, Building 16, Level 1, Greenlane Clinical Centre

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner is pleased to provide the opportunity to hear Australian researcher **Alison Rahn** speak on 'Sexuality & Privacy in Aged Care Facilities'.

The meeting is being arranged in conjunction with Auckland District Health Board, Claro and the Commissioner for Financial Capability

Alison will discuss the experience of couples in aged care (of all sexual orientations) and draw attention to the loss of civil rights that many of them experience – most of which happens without much discussion. Marriage is a legally protected state in most spheres of society – but not in aged care it seems. Loss of privacy in aged care settings affects couples most of all, and that loss of privacy takes many forms.

There will be plenty of time to ask questions and raise issues with Alison. Alison would welcome hearing of NZ experiences and, drawing upon her research, brainstorm ideas around 'best practice' for couples in residential aged care and retirement villages. Alison will be introduced by Anita Miller, a partner in the law firm Claro who has recently published on 'Incapacity and sexual relationships in the elderly: balancing autonomy and protection'.

**Alison Rahn** is a practicing sex therapist based in Australia. She also has 20 years' experience as an architect. She holds a Master of Health Science (Sexual Health) and is currently undertaking a PhD at the University of New England. Her research project , 'Baby Boomer Sexuality: Exploring the Wants, Needs and Available Options for Partnered Individuals and Couples in Australian Residential Aged Care' is gathering data on the sexual and intimacy needs of partnered baby boomers and their expectations of residential aged care, should they become future customers. Several journal articles have already been published based on this research.



Tea and coffee will be provided.

Seating is limited so please register at [sexuality-privacy-in-aged-care-facilities-presentation-and.lilregie.com](http://sexuality-privacy-in-aged-care-facilities-presentation-and.lilregie.com)

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