PhD at University of Greenwich: How do young gay and bisexual men navigate their online identity as part of their adolescent sexual identity development?
• Secondary analysis of the national survey ‘METRO Youth Chances’

1. What is gay and bisexual men’s experience of the internet in respect of their sexuality?
2. Do particular sub-groups of gay and bisexual men have distinct experiences of the internet?
• Online focus groups

1. Why did young gay and bisexual men explore their sexual identity online?
2. How did young gay and bisexual young men explore their sexual identity online?
3. How did online experience differ between age groups?
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- Rejecting heterosexual scripts
- Sexual thrill and obsession
- Sexual risk and danger
- Gay terminology

Sexual scripts (Simon and Gagnon)
How did young gay and bisexual young men explore their sexual identity online?

- Audience management
- Transition to offline
- Self-presentation (Goffman)
- Heightened desire
- Taking and losing control
METRO Charity: Head of Integrated Youth Services

METRO’s vision is for a world where difference is celebrated, respected and valued, where discrimination is eliminated and where optimum health and wellbeing for all is a common goal.
The Bridge
Targeted LGBTQ youth groups: developing a positive sense of sexuality

- Expressing sexuality and identity in a safe and supportive space
- Meeting peers, friends and partners
- Learning and exploring different aspects of sexuality: history, culture, health as well as sex
- Having opportunities to socialise in a fun and safe way
- Learning what is safe, fun and consensual in relationships and sex
- Learning about the wider LGBT community and ways to connect together, offline and online
- Exploring wellbeing and understanding what helps and hinders it, maximise benefits and minimise risks
Future in Mind
2015-20

• 1.4 billion
• Aim to improve young people’s mental health services
• Local Transformation Plans (LTPs)
Lambeth Local Transformation Plan

• No direct contact with Lambeth Clinical Commissioning Group in respect of the LTP. We have been consulted by the CCG about a plan to change the registration process at GP surgeries, which may form part of the LTP.

• Emotional Mental Health and Wellbeing Co-production Workshops, invitations to bid for work in as part of a refreshed Lambeth Transformation Plan (October 2016)
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