

Dear Sir / Madam,

RESPONSE TO Q12 + Q13 of the Consultation -

I believe strongly and am asking for the Sexual Orientation Regulations to include exceptions for care homes which have a religious ethos. There are many reasons for this but for the sake of brevity let me list a few:-

1. Christians believe that the Bible teaches that sexual relations are only for a man and woman within marriage. Does the Government want to close down Christian old people's homes that only allow double rooms for married couples?
2. A Christian old people's home would welcome a Christian resident who experiences same-sex attraction but remains celibate, but would not accept a resident who openly advocates homosexual activity. The regulations must recognize that this distinction is made by Christians.
3. A Christian care home exists to provide an environment in which certain Christian religious beliefs are promoted. These regulations (if no exceptions are made) undermine the whole basis and ethos of such homes.

Yours faithfully

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