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PRESS RELEASE

Commission welcomes report on disability & sexual orientation

The Equality Commission has welcomed the publication of a report examining the experiences of people with disabilities who also identify as lesbian, gay bisexual or transgender.

“Multiple Identity – multiple exclusions and human rights” was launched today by Disability Action and The Rainbow Project.

“The Commission has responsibility for six different grounds protected by the anti-discrimination law and nine equality categories under the public sector equality duties. We know that many people experience discrimination or exclusion relating to more than one aspect of their identity and that this can be difficult to address”, said Evelyn Collins, Chief Executive of the Equality Commission.

“The report identifies many areas where there are issues which need careful consideration - issues of law, of attitude, and of public policy and practice.” she continued. “I commend the organisations on their cooperation in producing the report which recognises that people have many different aspects to their lives”.

