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## Press Notice

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### **Controversial Sexual Reorientation Debate to be Held in Parliament**

Next Wednesday (30 JANUARY) leading figures on both sides of the issue will take part in a debate in the Houses of Parliament on the legitimacy and freedom to offer sexual reorientation therapy.

The debate is being held ahead of an inquiry into a complaint against Dr Mike Davidson, a strong supporter of change therapy being offered to people with unwanted feelings of same-sex attraction. However, many professional bodies are banning such therapies.

Dr Davidson is a trainee with the British Psychodrama Association (BPA). On a BBC local radio show broadcast in January 2012 he commented on his position in favour of therapy offered to those experiencing unwanted same-sex attraction.

As a result of these comments, he became the subject of a complaint that his views contravened BPA policies. There will be a Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) Inquiry into the complaint on 1 February 2013 in London.

#### **Debating the issues will be:**

**Prof Michael King:** Director of Mental Health Sciences Unit, University College London

**Mr Peter Tatchell:** Human Rights Campaigner/Advocate

**Dr Joseph Berger:** Consultant Psychiatrist, Royal College of Psychiatrists, Canada

**Dr Mike Davidson:** Director, Core Issues Trust

Where: Committee Room 11, Houses of Parliament, Westminster.

When: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 10.30 am until noon.

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