Title Reads: Supporting rainbow elders- Rainbow elders face unique challenges and discrimination.

Text Reads: Rainbow elders experiences of abuse: LGBTQIA+ elders have often experienced lifelong discrimination and abuse. Many have lived through years of rainbow identities being criminalised and ostracised. Older generations are more likely to hold prejudiced views towards rainbow people. For elder rainbow people this can contribute to isolation and experiences of violence. Elders being cared for may be reliant on carers who hold prejudiced views towards rainbow people. Some rainbow elders are reliant on family members who hold prejudiced views (particularly for people who come out late in life).

Text Reads: How you can support rainbow elders? Support them to find a rainbow friendly care facility. Ask their care facility if they run rainbow education. If not, ask them to do it. Ask if they feel safe, respected and looked after by their care home. Ask if they experience prejudice from their carers. Find out if they have other rainbow people in their life. Spend time with them, ask them about their current life and relationships. Ask them about experiences from their past. Work with family members and carers who hold prejudiced views. The RVPN website could help you with learning resources. Go to www.rvpn.nz.

Bottom of the page text reads: This Is Us is a Rainbow Violence Awareness Campaign. To create this resource we worked with Julie Watson who is an Elder Rainbow Advocate.

Image: Rainbow Violence Prevention Network

Left Image on bottom of page: Two elder men sitting in a cafe, looking at each other smiling with their arms draped over each other's shoulders.

Right Image on bottom of page: Two elder woman sit laughing together. One woman is holding a cup of tea in front of her and has paused for a moment before taking a sip to laugh. The other is knitting with yellow and purple yarn.