

## WHAT IS A HATE CRIME?

HATE CRIME: can occur in any of the following ways:

- VERBAL ABUSE
- GRAFFITI
- OFFENSIVE LITERATURE
- PHYSICAL ATTACK
- DAMAGE TO PROPERTY
- ARSON
- THREATENING BEHAVIOUR
- MALICIOUS PHONE CALLS

Don't suffer in silence - talk to someone

WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU

You are not ALONE!



B-PaTH is committed to raising the awareness of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) issues, and needs in the Barnsley Borough. For advice and more information on reporting an incident or if you would like to get involved contact the Barnsley Community Safety Service on (01226) 774950.

Contact any of the following agencies should you experience any problems of homophobic and transphobic harassment

South Yorkshire Police 999

South Yorkshire Police  
Non Emergency 01142 202020

B-PaTH 01226 774991

Domestic Violence  
Helpline 01226 249800

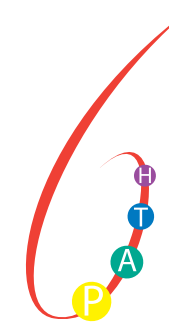
Victim Support Barnsley 01226 243761

[www.safeinsouthyorks.co.uk](http://www.safeinsouthyorks.co.uk)

[www.barnsleylgbtforum.org.uk](http://www.barnsleylgbtforum.org.uk)



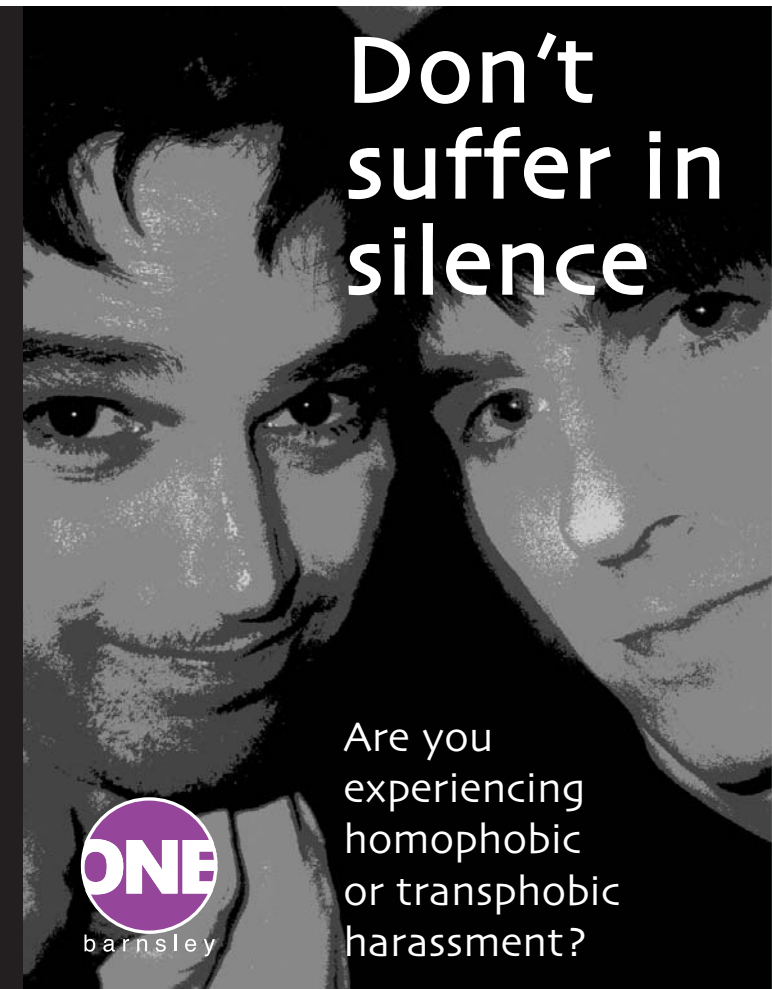
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Community Safety Service  
Beevor Court 2  
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Partnership  
Against  
Transphobia and  
Homophobia



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# Don't suffer in silence



Are you  
experiencing  
homophobic  
or transphobic  
harassment?

## WILL MY COMPLAINT BE TREATED SERIOUSLY AND SENSITIVELY?

We believe everyone has the right to feel safe wherever they are, at home, in public places, at school or at work. Dealing effectively with homophobic and transphobic incidents is a high priority for police in Barnsley. South Yorkshire Police are committed to ensuring that no member of the public will receive less favourable treatment or service on the grounds of nationality, race, national origins, skin colour, gender, sexuality or disability.

## DON'T LET OTHERS VIOLATE YOUR RIGHTS

It has become clear that lots of homophobic and transphobic harassment incidents are not reported. You don't have to suffer in silence. The agencies listed are here to help you.

If incidents are not reported, perpetrators who target our community will remain free to commit further crimes.

## DON'T PROTECT THEM.

## STAND UP , SPEAK OUT!

## REPORT IT!

## WHAT CAN I REPORT?

Any incident where you believe you or anyone has been a target because of their sexuality. It can occur in any of the following ways: verbal abuse, graffiti, offensive literature, physical attack, malicious phone calls and damage to property or arson.

## WHO CAN I REPORT AN INCIDENT TO?

Phone the police: there are specially trained police officers you can speak to.

Self-reporting form: available from the agencies (see over)

Website reporting: allows you to complete and email a Self Reporting Form directly to the police in the strictest confidence.

([www.safeinbarnsley.co.uk](http://www.safeinbarnsley.co.uk))

Incident reporting centre: Local agencies where a trained member of staff will help you complete the form, giving you advice and support.

Reporting makes a difference...  
To you, your friends your LIFE!

HELP US TO SUPPORT YOU...

Contact B-PaTH on 01226 774991

## MISSION STATEMENT

We are committed to working together to make Barnsley a safer environment for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community to live, work and socialise, and not live in fear of being attacked, assaulted or victimised in their every day life.

## THE AIMS OF THE PARTNERSHIP

-A commitment with local agencies and groups to work around local issues affecting the LGBT community of Barnsley.

-To increase the support services available to those experiencing Homophobia / Transphobia harassment.

-Work in partnership with members of the LGBT community of Barnsley.

-To work towards increasing the confidence and reporting of Hate Crime against LGBT people, by consulting with the local LGBT community through community meetings.

