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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date: 25/08/2026

2026/823 - Pride events

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

The review response states that North Wales Police has no direct involvement in Pride events and would police them like any other larger scale event. Could you please explain the reasoning behind the decision not to participate in these events?

North Wales Police does not take part in Pride events directly and instead polices them in the same way as any other large public event. This approach helps the force remain impartial while ensuring the safety and security of everyone attending. The force may attend Pride events for specific policing purposes, such as community engagement, hate crime prevention and reporting, or recruitment activities, where there is a clear operational or public interest rationale for doing so. Recent legal developments have reinforced the importance of maintaining a clear distinction between policing an event and actively participating in or endorsing a particular cause. The force continues to support LGBTQ+ communities through year-round engagement, tackling hate crime, supporting victims, and working closely with community groups across North Wales.

The document also confirms that the force does not fly the rainbow flag during Pride Month. Could you explain why this is the case?

As above linked to - Endorsing a Particular Cause

Additionally, could you outline why Amanda Blakeman has not apologised to LGBT people for the historical prosecution and persecution of the community and provide the evidence for it?

Based on the consultation undertaken with North Wales Police's LGBTQ+ Community Police Liaison Group in 2023, members were asked for their views to help inform a decision by the Chief Constable regarding a public apology. Following a good discussion and debate, the overall view of the group was that the Chief Constable should not issue an apology. Members generally felt that a public apology would not improve relationships with the LGBTQ+ community and that it was more important to focus on maintaining positive, supportive relationships and demonstrating a commitment to getting things right today and in the future.

Finally, the original response noted that the force has three designated Diversity Officers and facilitates a Police and Community LGBTQ+ Group. Could you please advise how members of the public can get in touch with these liaisons?

Diversity Officers do not work a shift pattern; therefore, contact is made through a joint email address (diversityliaison@northwales.police.uk) that is published in the public domain. The Diversity Officers' contact details also appear on leaflets and posters distributed within the community as part of Hate Crime awareness and reporting campaigns. Diversity Officers also attend community groups and third sector organisations to support victims of Hate Crime.

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