# **Social Prescribing Directory (Hatfield)**

This is a guide to services in and around Hertfordshire, for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans\* people, and those Questioning their identity (LGBT\*Q people). It provides local and national information as well as giving practical tips and advice.

# **LGBT Foundation**

LGBT Foundation's **Helpline Service** has been running for over 35 years and provides thousands of hours of **advice and support** to thousands of people every year on a huge range of issues. The Helpline is staffed by a team of dedicated staff and volunteer operators, all of whom receive extensive training and support.

*Call:* 0345 330 3030 Monday to Friday between 10am and 6pm *Email:* <u>helpline@lgbt.foundation</u> and receive a reply within 10 working days <u>https://lgbt.foundation/</u>

If you aren't completely sure where the best place to go is LGBT Foundation helpline is always a good first port of call as they can offer further signposting and detailed initial support and advice

# **Herts Pride**

Herts Pride is Hertfordshire's biggest LGBTQ and celebration.

We are a non-profit organisation run by volunteers supporting the LGBTQ+ community both locally and nationally. We run an all-inclusive event where anyone is welcome. We will have a wide range of exciting stalls, fabulous catering, a main stage with a diverse mix of entertaining acts, and of course our legendary dog show.

We are proud of our achievements in having established an annual event where everyone is welcome to attend and celebrate diversity. Herts Pride includes people of all races, faiths, abilities, sexualities, and genders.

https://www.hertspride.org/

# **Bars & Clubs**

The Load of Hay 27 Pinner Road, Watford, Herts, WD19 4ET 01923 441113 <u>www.loadofhay.co.uk</u> The California Inn 82, Chapel Street, Luton, LU1 5DD 01582 488098 <u>www.california-inn.co.uk</u> Kink Bar 23 Dunstable Place, Luton, LU12QT 01582 615172 <u>www.kinkbar.co.uk</u> Flame nightclub 58 Wellington Street, Luton, LU1 2QH <u>www.flame-nightclub.co.uk</u> Pink Punters Nightclub 2 Watling Street, Fenny Stratford, MK2 2BS 01908 377444 www.pinkpunters.com

### London

Outside Hertfordshire, there are a wide range of places to socialise. One of the most vibrant is London. Time Out London provides a full listing of activities for LGBT\*Q people of all ages and their friends and families.

www.timeout.com/london/lgbt

# **Social & Support Groups**

# **University of Hertfordshire LGBT Society**

Sexuality, welfare and sexual health questions answered. www.uhsulgbt.co.uk

### Lezgo

Watford (regular meets). Social and support group for LGB women. 07845 608 545 - Lin Helpline - 0808 180 7223

### **Hertfordshire Gay Outdoor Club**

The Hertfordshire group walks on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. The group covers all of Hertfordshire and sometimes organises invasion parties into neighbouring counties. www.goc.org.uk/groups/hertfordshire

### **Broxbourne & East Herts LGB&T Support**

B3Living would like to hear from LGB&T people interested in developing a new social/support group for the Broxbourne & East Herts area. Contact Ken Andersson at B3Living 01992 453 700

### **Barnet Lesbian + Gay Group**

Supporting LGBT people in Barnet www.barnetgay.com

### **FTM Network**

Self-help group for female to male transgender and trans\* people, or those exploring their gender. 07948 250 778 www.ftmlondon.org.uk

# **Hertfordshire Cortex**

Social support group for trans\* people https://sites.google.com/a/tgcortex.com/www cortexherts@vahoo.co.uk

# **Young People**

**Young Pride in Herts** 

LGBT\*Q social support for 13–25-year-olds 01920 484784 or 01923 803440 youngprideinherts@gmail.com www.youngprideinherts.org

### **Queer Youth**

Online discussion forums for LGBT\*Q youth <a href="http://www.queeryouth.org.uk">www.queeryouth.org.uk</a>

### **Project Indigo**

Provides a safe space for young people who identify as LGBT\*Q or who are questioning their sexual or gender identity. Based in Hackney. <u>www.offcentre.org.uk/project-indigo</u> 0208 986 4016

### **Youth Connexions Hertfordshire**

Provides youth work, information, advice, guidance and support for young people aged 13-19 (up to 25 for young people with learning disabilities).

For young people leaving care, support is provided up to the age of 21 through Youth Connexions One Stop Shops.

www.youthconnexions.org

### Youth Connexions LGBT group

A group of young people looking at what services are available to the young LGBT people of Herts and how support can be improved both short term and long term. As members of Herts1125, the group will be consulting with young LGBT people and report their findings in the Hertfordshire Young People's Manifesto that is launched annually in October. If you are a young person and would like to know more, please contact: youth.connexions@hertfordshire.gov.uk

### Youth Connexions one-stop shops

A 'Youth Connexions One Stop Shop' is a venue where local partners come together to deliver a wide range of services for young people. These services include the provision of youth work, information, advice, guidance and support on education, work, training and volunteering, advice on drugs, finance, health, including sexual health, housing and much more.

www.youthconnexions-hertfordshire.org 0300 123 4043

### **METRO**

A service that works in a number of areas across London and offers **a variety of LGBT**specific services including sexual health, mental health, and youth groups.

Different services operate in different parts of London, you can see what's available in your borough by visiting the Metro

Website: https://metrocharity.org.uk/

# **Older adults**

# **Opening Doors (ODL)**

Opening Doors London is here to **support LGBT people over 50** to live full, vibrant and respected lives free from isolation, loneliness, discrimination and prejudice. Opening Doors offer 40+ **groups and one-off activities each month**. From singing to

creative writing to walks, we aim to provide a range of opportunities that allow LGBT+ people over 50 from across London to meet each other, have fun, and feel confident to be themselves.

Call: 020 7239 0400 Visit: https://www.openingdoors.lgbt/

# **Trans\* People**

Trans\* is an umbrella term for people across the gender spectrum. This can include terms such as transgender, transvestite, transsexual, gender-queer, gender-fluid, non-binary, genderless, gender variant, trans man, trans woman and more!

### **The Beaumont Society**

Support to people (inc. families and friends of people) who cross-dress, are transvestite or who are transsexual. 01582 412220 (24 hrs) email@beaumontsociety.org.uk www.beaumontsociety.org.uk

# **FTM Network**

Self-help group for female to male transgender and trans\* people, or those exploring their gender. 07948 250 778

www.ftmlondon.org.uk

# **Gendered Intelligence Creative**

GI work with the trans community and those who impact on trans lives; they particularly specialise in **supporting young trans people under the age of 21**. GI deliver trans youth programmes, resources, **support for parents and carers**, and educational workshops for schools, colleges, universities and other educational settings. GI also have a **youth group specifically for black and minority ethnic young people** who are trans or questioning their gender.

GI have youth groups across the city, see their website for more information: <u>https://genderedintelligence.co.uk/</u>

### **Useful Links**

### **General Register Panel**

Government panel who assesses applications for gender recognition certificates. **www.grp.gov.uk** 

**Transgender Zone** 

Online support for trans\* people www.transgenderzone

Press for Change Lobbying & education www.pfc.org.uk

Gender Trust Working to improve the lives of trans\* people. Helpline and other support available. www.gendertrust.org.uk

# **Social Care - Hertfordshire Health & Community services**

Health and Community Services run the County Council's Adult Social Care Department including:

- Help for those over 18 living in Hertfordshire, with care and support
- Information, advice and guidance to find local services
- Maintain or regain physical, emotional or mental health and independence
- Personal social care and eligibility, options for support
- Supporting family carers
- Follow up allegations of abuse and neglect and help those at risk stay safe

Information on local services, support for carers and physical and mental health advice: <u>www.hertsdirect.org</u>

0300 123 4044 or by dropping into your local library Specialist advice from Hertfordshire County Council Customer Services 0300 123 4042.

If you are in hospital you can ask the ward staff to let us know you wish to talk to us.

# **Children's Services**

Children's Services places the interests of children firmly at the centre of everything, working with families to offer quality advice, support and guidance; build children's confidence and self-esteem and prepare them for life ahead.

They aim to help children with a variety of needs: those who may have learning difficulties, physical difficulties, social problems, are particularly gifted, need help in schooling or need someone to talk to.

It is their aspiration that all children and young people enjoy a happy, healthy and safe childhood that gives them the foundations for adulthood and the opportunity to get the best out of life.

For further information:

Services	Contact Number
Child protection	0300 123 4043
School term dates	0300 123 4043
School admissions	0300 123 4043
School transport	0300 123 4043
Childcare enquiries	0300 123 4052
Free School Meals	0300 123 4048

Telephone lines are open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm and Saturdays, 9am-4pm. Lines are closed on Sundays and public holidays.

# Housing info

If you have a housing need, you can go to your local district council offices to find out your options. They will be able to give you advice, and they may be able to help you find accommodation in the private sector, council housing or with a housing association. If you want to buy your own place but can't afford to buy on the open market, many housing associations have options such as shared ownership, where you part buy and part rent your home.

For more info, see <u>www.helptobuyese.org.uk</u> who covers the East and Southeast of England.

# LGBT\*Q Housing Support

### **Stonewall Housing**

**Housing advice and support** for LGBT people, including those at risk of or experiencing homelessness, family breakdown, harassment, domestic abuse, eviction. Stonewall also provides supported accommodation for young people in some London boroughs and are a partner in The Outside Project - the UK's first LGBT crisis/homeless shelter and community centre.

*Call:* advice line on 020 7359 5767 for confidential advice (weekdays 10.00 -1.00 pm) *Online:* complete a self-referral or see LGBT and trans specific drop-in times at the link below

*Drop In*: several drop-ins across London, including trans specific drop-ins at CliniQ <u>https://stonewallhousing.org/</u>

### **Albert Kennedy Trust**

The Albert Kennedy Trust supports young LGBT 16-25 years old who are made homeless or living in a hostile environment.

contact@akt.org.uk www.akt.org.uk 020 7831 6562 020 7405 6929

# **Housing Emergency**

If you have an emergency housing need and need immediate assistance, please use the contact details below:

Shelter Housing Advice Line 8am-midnight every day 0808 800 4444

### London Lesbian & Gay Switchboard

calls at local rate 0300 330 0630

You can phone your local district council if you have a housing emergency.

# **Emotional Health & Wellbeing**

Emotional health is an important part of everyone's life, but it can be especially important for LGBT\*Q people when: Coming out, dealing with gender identity issues, meeting other LGBT\*Q people, starting a family or starting new relationships.

LGBT\*Q people can sometimes find it difficult to seek support, but it's important that you feel able to ask for the support that you need, and deserve, when you need it.

All of the services listed next are positive about supporting LGBT\*Q people with their emotional health. This can range from health concerns such as stress, anxiety and depression, to more serious mental health issues.

# Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (HPFT)

The NHS provider of mental health and specialist learning disability services in Hertfordshire. We provide services for all aspects of mental health and emotional wellbeing for all ages. If you need to use these services, please speak to you GP or use the web address below to find out about local facilities in Hertfordshire. www.hpft.nhs.uk

You can also contact us directly if you feel that you need support from us using us Single Point of Access: 0300 777 07 07 (weekdays 8am-7pm)

# Herts Mind Network

Providing a range of person-centred services across Hertfordshire to improve the wellbeing of anyone experiencing emotional distress. 08444 77 22 12 info@hertsmindnetwork.org www.hertsmindnetwork.org

# **Guideposts Trust**

Support and group activities for people recovering from mental health issues, in the Watford, 3 Rivers and Hertsmere areas 01923 235 554 www.guidepoststrust.org.uk/hertfordshire/

### Mind in Mid Herts

Helps people suffering from mental health issues in St Albans, Harpenden, Welwyn Garden City, Hatfield, Hertford and Stevenage. 01727 865 070 www.mindinmidherts.org.uk

### Viewpoint

Service user led Charity which supports people with mental health or drug and alcohol problems to use their expertise and experiences to bring about change for the better. 01707 328 014 info@hertsviewpoint.co.uk www.hertsviewpoint.co.uk

# LGBT\*Q Services Near Herts

### PACE

North London organisation promoting Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual wellbeing. Offers counselling, mental health advocacy, helpline and more. info services: 0207 700 1323 <u>www.pacehealth.org.uk</u> info@pacehealth.org.uk

### **Pink Therapy**

Pink therapy is the UK's largest independent therapy organisation working with gender and sexual diversity clients. admin@pinktherapy.com 020 7836 6647 www.pinktherapy.com

### **London Friend**

London Friend **supports the health and mental well-being of the LGBT** community in and around London. They offer **counselling and support** around issues such as same-sex relationships, sexual and gender identity and promoting personal growth and self-confidence. They're also home to Antidote drug and alcohol service, and a range of social and support groups.

How To find out more about the service you're interested in, visit: <u>https://londonfriend.org.uk/</u>

### METRO

A service that works in a number of areas across London and offers a variety of LGBTspecific services including sexual health, mental health, and youth groups.

Different services operate in different parts of London, you can see what's available in your borough by visiting the Metro

Website: https://metrocharity.org.uk/

# **National Helplines**

### London Lesbian & Gay Switchboard

<u>www.llgs.org.uk</u> 0207 8377324

**Samaritans** 08457 90 90 90 (24hrs)

# Sexual Health & HIV

Sexual health awareness is an important topic for everyone – whether you are sexually active or not. It's important to remember things such as...

- Using condoms during sex
- Saying No to sex that you do not want
- Talking openly about sex with your partner
- Regular check-ups at a sexual health clinic
- Awareness of Sexual Transmitted Infections (STIs)
- Awareness of viruses such Hepatitis and HIV
- Sexual confidence, assertiveness and responsibility
- Feeling emotionally comfortable with your sex life

# **Sexual Health Gum Clinics**

Lesbian & bisexual women still need regular smear tests, just like other women Some clinics now offer rapid testing for HIV. You can find out in a matter of minutes. GUM Clinics provide confidential or anonymous services. www.sexualhealthhertfordshire.co.uk

#### **Hertford County Hospital**

Walk in: Mon (9-1:30), Tues (9–4), Wed (9-1), Thurs (9-4), Fri (9–12) Mon 2-4:30 (under 25s) appointments 01707 373358

#### **St Albans City Hospital**

Walk in: Mon-Fri 9.15 -11:30am appointments 01727 897333/332

#### Stevenage Leisure Park (Kingsway)

Walk in: Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri 9-4, Wed 9-1 appointments 01438 847500

#### Watford General Hospital

Walk in: Mon-Thurs 9:30am -3:30pm (doors open 9am) appointments 01923 217206

#### Herts Aid

Countywide services include:

- HIV support, also for families and carers
- Clinical tests, rapid HIV, Chlamydia & free condoms
- Educational training, HIV, sexual health

Ware 01920 484 784 Watford 01923 803 440 www.hertsaid.co.uk

# CLINIQ

CliniQ are a **holistic sexual health and well-being service** for all trans people, partners and friends. CliniQ are a trans-led team, who offer a safe, confidential space for those who may not feel comfortable accessing mainstream services. They also perform cervical screening.

*King's College Hospital* every Tuesday from 4.00pm to 7.00pm and at the Caldecot Clinic 56 *Dean Street* in Soho every Wednesday from 4.30pm to 7.00pm

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# Young People's Sexual Health

#### **Queensway Health Centre, Hatfield**

Walk in clinic, Saturday 11am -1:30pm 01707 264577

### **Parkway Health Centre**

Welwyn Garden City Walk in clinic Friday 3pm – 5pm 01707 373358

### **Hertford County Hospital**

Walk in clinic, Monday 2pm – 4:30pm (Under 25s only) 01707 373358

Some clinics now offer rapid testing for HIV. You can find out in a matter of minutes.

Watford General Hospital Awareness Clinic Walk in clinic, Tuesday 4pm – 6pm (Under 24s only) 01727897333/332

# Stevenage Leisure Park (Kingsway)

Walk in clinic Wednesday 1:30pm –4:30pm (Under 25s only) 01438 847500

# **Drug and Alcohol**

# **ANTIDOTE**

Antidote is a free, LGBT run, and targeted **drug and alcohol support service** delivered by highly trained staff and volunteers. Antidote offer one-to-one key working, referral to detox clinics and prescribing centres, drop-ins to discuss drug and alcohol issues, sexual health, chemsex, and steroid use issues, intensive structured weekend programmes (SWAP), an advice helpline, referrals to in-house counselling, and more.

Call: 020 7833 1674 (10am-6pm, Monday to Friday) and ask for one of the Antidote Team. Drop-in: Clinics at 6 different locations in London across the week, see link below for details. https://londonfriend.org.uk/antidote/

# **Public Health Hertfordshire**

Hertfordshire's Public Health team provides a range of information and services to support the LGBT community. For information, advice and guidance on how to stay healthy in Hertfordshire please visit: www.hertsdirect.org/healthinherts

# **Personal Safety**

If you are faced with an emergency, dial 999. Hertfordshire Constabulary has specially trained hate crime officers covering the whole county. These are dedicated officers who offer people who have experienced a hate crime help, support and advice.

Alternatively hate crime can also be reported online through the True Vision website which all police forces in England, Northern Ireland and Wales are signed up to. The online report will then be forwarded to the relevant local police force. People may not always feel comfortable with talking directly to the police. Online reporting allows people to report a hate crime via a system which will then be dealt with by dedicated hate crime officers.

True Vision Website www.report-it.org.uk

### Lesbian and Gay Liaison Officers (LAGLOs)

Hertfordshire Constabulary has trained a number of officers and staff as Lesbian and Gay Liaison Officers (LAGLOs).

Though they are not all LGBT\*Q themselves (many are) they are there to assist both victims and investigators of crimes. If you are a victim of any kind of crime and feel that you would be more comfortable talking to a LAGLO, just ask.

### Victim Support

Victim Support is an independent charity that supports victims of crime, people who have to attend court as witnesses and their families and friends. The support is free and confidential. www.victimsupport.org.uk

support line 0845 45 65 995

# Top tips for your personal safety...

Keep company - but if you must walk alone:

Be aware of **danger spots**, like wasteland, dark alleys, poorly lit areas etc. Be aware of **what's around you!** Avoid hoods, earphones or using your phone **Keep in contact** - Tell someone where you are and what time you expect to return **Never accept a lift** with a stranger or someone you don't know very well Be aware: **alcohol and drugs** impair your ability to keep yourself safe

# **Domestic Abuse**

Domestic abuse affects every corner of society regardless of gender, class, age, race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or lifestyle.

Domestic abuse rarely involves a 'one-off' incident. It is more usually a pattern of coercive and controlling behaviour by one person (or group) over another. Domestic abuse will often escalate from something seemingly small such as name calling or threats, to incidents of physical or sexual abuse, and can begin at any stage of a relationship, sometimes continuing after a relationship has ended.

Domestic Abuse is defined as 'any incident of threatening behaviour, violence or abuse (psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) between adults (and young people) who are or have been intimate partners or family members?

#### Myth

Domestic abuse only occurs between a husband and wife

#### Truth

Domestic abuse occurs between intimate partners in a relationship – whether married or not. This includes heterosexual, same sex, bisexual, or transgender relationships, civil partnerships, marriages and also between family members.

# **Safer Places**

East Herts and Broxbourne, have specialist workers who work with the LGBT\*Q community around Domestic Violence.

They also have refuges that can accommodate members of the LGBT\*Q community (women only, but case by case particularly in trans\* circumstances) www.saferplaces.co.uk

08450 177668

#### **Herts Sunflower**

A one-stop shop of information about services and support available. This website is a directory of services and provides online reporting facility. www.hertssunflower.org

# Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)

The SARC provides a range of services to anyone who has been raped or sexually assaulted. They provide a committed, sensitive and specialist service to meet the needs of victims of rape and sexual assault in Hertfordshire.

To self-refer (Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm -over 18 years only) 0808 178 4448 www.hertssunflower.org

If you need to speak to a police officer from the specialist rape unit, call 101 and ask for SARC.

Services include:

- Information about reporting to the police.
- Sexual health information and referrals.
- Support through the criminal justice process.
- Practical support and referrals to other services

within Hertfordshire.

• Advice on personal safety and security.

# **Useful Numbers for Personal Safety**

Services	Contact Number
Police (non-emergency number)	101
Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)	0808 178 444 8
Rape Crisis Hertfordshire	01707 276 512
Rape Crisis Watford	0845 303 0900
Victim Support	0845 30 111 65
Survivors UK (for men)	0845 122 1201
Broken Rainbow, LGB support	0845 260 4460
Hertfordshire Domestic Abuse Helpline	08 088 088 088
National Domestic Violence Helpline	0808 2000 247
Free Legal Advice for DV Victims	0870 922 0704
Independent Domestic Violence Association	01707 638420

# Crime

#### Contacting the police when you need them

Only call 999 in an emergency where:

- There is risk of injury
- There is risk of serious damage to property
- You suspect a crime is in progress
- It is a serious incident which needs immediate police attendance

#### If it's a non-emergency:

• Call the police on **101** 

Call into any police station
Download, fill in and return by post, a self-reporting incident form for Hate/ Homophobic Transphobic crime at <a href="http://www.report-it.org.uk">www.report-it.org.uk</a>

Hertfordshire Police also operates: (Emergency and non-emergency) 01707390990 (textphone) 07786207091 (SMS) <u>contactus@pnn.police.uk</u>

#### If you are worried about reporting a crime, you can do it anonymously

# **Library Services**

Libraries have a lot on offer, and membership is free. You can enjoy:

• Lots of LGBT books, fiction and non-fiction, on health, coming out, civil partnerships, travel... Music CDs, film on DVD and Blu-ray, and magazines for loan and reference.

- Free internet for an hour a day
- Free eBook and audio book downloads
- Author and cultural events including the celebration of LGBT History Month

An LGBT resource list is available in libraries or on the LGBT library webpage. 0300 1234049 www.hertsdirect.org/services/libraries/books/Booklists/ http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/libraries/books/Booklists/

# Parenting

Being a parent is one of the best jobs in the world, but it can also be one of the toughest as family life can often be challenging and demanding. Sometimes you may feel like you don't know which way to turn. Parenting and family support is available locally across Hertfordshire so whether you want to attend a short course or just need some friendly advice there is help at hand.

There's lots of information available for LGBT\*Q parents whether you are starting a new family, coping with changes within your family or generally looking to the future. The Stonewall parenting webpage contains lots of information including guides for gay dads, LGB women wanting to conceive, same sex adoption, fertility treatment, parental responsibility and coparenting.

### Stonewall

The Stonewall info-line (Mon-Fri 9:30-16:30) can also direct you to a range of support and information: 0800 050 20 20 www.stonewall.org.uk/at\_home/parenting

**Family Information Service** 0300 123 4052

**Pride Angel** Information around sperm and egg donors as well as fertility support <u>www.prideangel.com</u>

# **Co-Parenting For LGBT\*Q people**

#### **Parent line Plus**

Offers help and support through an innovative range of free, flexible, responsive services – shaped by parents for parents. 01707270696 Helpline: 0808 800222 www.parentlineplus.org.uk

#### The Alternative Parenting Show

One-stop shop, which gives valuable information to same-sex and heterosexual couples and single men and women on how to make the dream of having a family a reality. <u>www.alternativeparenting.co.uk</u>

# **Fostering & Adoption**

Hertfordshire County Council is committed to treating all fostering and adoption applicants equally. They are Stonewall Diversity Champions and a member of New Family Social – a support network for adopters and foster carers from LGBT communities. For fostering visit <u>www.hertsdirect.org/fostering</u> For adoption visit <u>www.hertsdirect.org/adoption</u> Further information is also available from <u>www.newfamilysocial.org.uk</u> Alternatively, if you would like to speak to someone from the fostering and adoption recruitment team, call 0800 917 0925.

# **Support For Families Of LGBT\*Q People**

#### Families + Friends of Lesbians + Gays (FFLAG)

FFLAG offers support and advice to lesbian, gay and bisexual people, and their friends and relatives. They run local groups and have produced guidance aimed at both parents and their children. 0845 652 0311

www.fflag.org.uk

# Share your memories of life in Hertfordshire

You can add new memories to the LGBT section at <u>www.hertsmemories.org.uk</u> It is easy to use and open to everyone to participate.

# **Getting Hitched!**

Getting married or civil partnered will likely be one of the most important days of your life. As well as ensuring the same rights as others in areas like tax, social security, inheritance and workplace benefits it's about affirming peoples love

for one another.

The Hertfordshire Registration Service is the body responsible for the Registration of Partnerships and Civil Weddings. A Registrar will work with you to plan your ceremony which will draw on the wide range of options available and will incorporate individual choices of readings and music as desired. For further information on Wedding or Civil Partnership Registration, venues or to make a booking please contact any of the Hertfordshire Register Offices.

Alternatively, you can view the Hertfordshire guide on planning your celebration at www.hertsdirect.org/your-community/register

### Couples can now convert a civil partnership to a marriage if they want to.

### **Hertfordshire Registrars**

Hatfield 01707 283 921 Hatfield.registrars@hertfordshire.gov.uk

**Bishop's Stortford** 01279 652 273 <u>Bstortford.registrars@hertfordshire.gov.uk</u>

Broxbourne 01992 623 107 / 01992 623 578 Broxbourne.registrars@hertfordshire.gov.uk

#### Hertford

019925 555 90 / 01992 55 55 91 Hertford.registrars@hertfordshire.gov.uk

**St Albans** 01727 77 40 30 stalbans.registrars@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Stevenage and Hitchin 01438 316 579 stevenage.registrars@hertfordshire.gov.uk Watford 01923 231 302 Watford.registrars@hertfordshire.gov.uk

# Travel

Whether just having a holiday or planning a special break such as a honeymoon, there are a range of agencies that cater for LGBT\*Q people. Most of these can be found online. Some examples:

#### Travelling within the UK

www.lgbttraveluk.com

LGBT\*Q honeymoons www.perfectgayhoneymoons.co.uk

International gay & lesbian travel association

www.iglta.org

### General portal for LGBT\*Q travel

www.queertrip.com

### UK government advice for LGBT\*Q people travelling abroad.

www.gov.uk/lesbian-gay-bisexual-and-transgender-foreign-travel-advice

# **Useful Information**

### London Lesbian + Gay Switchboard

www.llgs.org.uk 0207 837 7324 In an emergency always dial 999

#### POhWER

Information, advice, support and advocacy to people who experience disability, vulnerability, distress and social exclusion. 0300 456 2370 www.pohwer.net

#### Friends & Family of Lesbians+Gays (FFLAG)

<u>www.fflag.org.uk</u> 0845 652 0311

**Project for Advocacy, Counselling + Education (PACE)** <u>www.pacehealth.org.uk</u> 0207 700 1323

#### **Terrence Higgins Trust**

Sexual Health & HIV www.tht.org.uk 08451221200

#### Stonewall

Gay rights and campaigning and info service www.stonewall.org.uk 0800 050 2020

#### **Hertfordshire Single Point of Access**

For mental health, anxiety, depression 0300 777 0707

#### **Beaumont Society**

Support for Trans\* people www.beaumontsociety.org.uk 01582 412220

**Press for Change** Campaigning for rights of Trans\* people <u>www.pfc.org.uk</u>

#### Galop

Preventing and challenging homophobic and transphobic crime <u>www.galop.org.uk</u>

#### Naz Project

Sexual Health and HIV info and support to LGBT minority ethnic communities <u>www.naz.org.uk</u>

#### Outlet

Gay and Lesbian accommodation rental service <u>www.outlet.co.uk</u>

#### Regard

The national organisation of Disabled Lesbians, Gay Men, Bisexuals and Transgendered People www.regard.org.uk

#### **Kennedy Trust**

Supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans homeless young people. 0207831 6562 www.akt.org.uk

#### Herts Help

Help and support if you don't know where to turn. They will listen to your problem and, if preferred, they can telephone people on your behalf. 0300 123 4044 (local rate) www.hertsdirect.org/hertshelp