



HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY

PRESS INFORMATION

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Police Authority returns to Grimsby to consult with LGBT Communities

Hot on the heels of its first, highly successful, consultation event with Grimsby's LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) communities, Humberside Police Authority is hosting a follow-up event.

Members of LGBT communities across North East Lincolnshire are invited to the Rainbow Centre, Pasture Street in Grimsby, on Tuesday, 20th April. The event, which will run from 2-4pm, will look at the actions that have been taken as a result of the inaugural meeting, when Hate Crime was identified as the main policing priority.

In addition discussion will take place on local policing priorities, neighbourhood policing, confidence and trust in Humberside Police and ways to shape improvements in police service delivery, focussing on the views of those from LGBT communities.

Alene Branton MBE, Chair of the Police Authority, said: "It's important that we listen to views from different communities, so that we can respond appropriately when we set local priorities and objectives. We understand that policing priorities vary depending on who we are talking to, but everyone has the right to have their viewpoint taken into account.

"We are talking to diverse groups and communities across the Humberside Police Area to find out what matters most to them, so that we can address how their specific policing needs can be met.

"Following the success of the last event we hope that word has spread and that even more people will feel confident to come along knowing that their views will be taken seriously. If you are a member of the LGBT community in North East Lincolnshire or work within the LGBT community this is your opportunity to have your say about policing."

Anyone seeking further information on the event should contact Claire Harrison, Engagement and Equalities Officer on 01482 317003/07792 935581.

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