REPORTING A HATE CRIME

If you report a homophobic incident a Police officer will contact you (unless you indicate that you do not want them to) and provide information about the incident and any developments in the investigation. They will also provide information on crime prevention, police powers and procedures and appropriate support groups.

The officer can be spoken to in confidence, offer a sympathetic service and respond appropriately to the individual needs of the victim, taking their cultural needs and sensitivities into consideration.

Information including contact details for Neighbourhood Police Team officers in your District can be found at: www.psni.police.uk/my-area

A confidential online reporting tool is available on the police website.

The Hate Crime Advocacy Scheme has been in operation in Victim Support NI since July 2013 and is funded by the Department of Justice and PSNI. It is a referral agency consisting of people who have an in-depth understanding of the various hate motivations for which a victim may be targeted. This allows for a bespoke support service to be offered to victims of hate crime to assist them through the criminal justice process.

psni.police.uk OO® DO Report online. Call 101. In an emergency call 999 If you have been the victim of a homophobic incident contact the police. Some of the organisations listed may be able to help you.

Northern Ireland Gay Rights Association 02890 664111 nigra4@hotmail.com

Cara-Friend/ GLYNI

02890 890202/admin@cara-friend.org.uk www.cara-friend.org.uk

Rainbow Project

02890 319030 Belfast / 02871 283030 Foyle info@rainbow-project.org / www.rainbowproject.org

Here NI 028 90 249452 www.hereni.org

Lesbian Line 02890 238668 or 02890 322023

Samaritans 116 123 www.samaritans.org.uk

Victim Support 02890 243133 Belfast / 02871 370086 Foyle www.victimsupportni.com

Equality Commission for Northern Ireland 028 90 500 600 www.equalityni.org

Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission 028 90 243987 www.nihrc.org

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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