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Subject: Online Hate Crime Reporting

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I have been made aware that you have provided as part of your licencing application for Little J's screenshots of comments that have been made on Facebook posts that potentially could constitute criminal offences if they meet certain thresholds.

There is legislation in place, under Sec 127 Communications Act 2003, that makes it a criminal offence to post online comments/pictures/videos that are deemed to be grossly offensive, indecent or obscene in nature.

North Yorkshire Police would certainly accept reports of such incidents and wherever possible follow all lines of enquiry to identify those responsible for such comments. However, it is important to know that the offence is what is classed as summary offence and therefore subject to a 6 month prosecution time limit.

As I am sure you understand, investigations can be complicated when trying to identify actual individuals behind a Facebook account so with that in mind, it's really important that should comments be made of a homophobic/transphobic nature on social media posts regarding Little J's or the wider community that you perceive to be grossly offensive, indecent or obscene that you report these to the police (if you wish to do so) immediately to allow the best possible chance of a successful police investigation taking place.

We are unable to monitor Facebook accounts or posts ourselves so do require it being reported into us through the correct channels as the reporting person will need to confirm that they find the respective comments grossly offensive etc to allow for a report to be logged and an officer allocated to investigate.

In terms of reporting then this can be done via 101 or online at [Report | North Yorkshire Police](#) or alternatively if yourself or anyone part of the LGBTQI+ community would rather not come directly to the police then third party reporting centres such as Galop can be used and found on this link here - <http://www.galop.org.uk/>

From an evidential point of view, the post should be left up (but further comments can be turned off) to allow us to view the post and comments as they appear and to capture any required screenshots ourselves to allow for the best irrefutable evidence to be provided.

As I have said previously, North Yorkshire Police and the Hate Crime team, remain committed to ensuring that all members of the LGBTQI+ community feel safe and also have the trust and confidence to report incidents to us when they occur. I fully understand that online comments can be really upsetting and will naturally impact on an individual's perception of how safe they are when in and around York when people are making such vulgar and hurtful comments online about them or their community.

I am happy to discuss any aspect around online hate crime with you, share with you the work we are doing to try and combat against it, the barriers we come up against and additionally if you or the LGBTQI+ community have any ideas too then we would love to hear them.

Kind Regards

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