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Dear Mr David

Freedom of Information Request Reference No: 01/FOI/21/022447

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) on 19/12/2021. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please provide the locations of all current LGBT+ Advisors across Greater London or 32 London Boroughs.

I would like the above information to be provided to me preferably as electronic copies, or an opportunity to view.

If this request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the Act, you are required to advise and assist requesters. If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary.

If the release of any of this information is prohibited on the grounds of breach of confidence, I ask that you supply me with copies of the confidentiality agreement and remind you that information should not be treated as confidential if such an agreement has not been signed.

SEARCHES TO LOCATE INFORMATION

To locate the information relevant to your request searches were conducted within the MPS.

The searches located information relevant to your request.

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DECISION

I have today decided to disclose the located information to you in full.

The Met's LGBT+ Adviser role was formally launched at their inaugural training seminar at NSY in October 2019.

The LGBT+ Adviser role was developed as part of the restructure of Frontline Policing and has evolved from the Met's LGBT Liaison Officer role. Advisers proactively work with London's LGBT+ communities, partners and stakeholders to prevent crime and encourage active citizenship and build trust and confidence.

We currently have 132 LGBT+ Advisers across many BCUs, businesses and departments. On BCUs, they complement the work of Hate Crime Outcome & Performance Officers, whilst elsewhere they help increase awareness and provide advice and information.

Under the auspices of the Met's staff support association LGBT+ Network, the role is voluntary and must be carried out in addition to a person's current position. It is open for all officers and staff, including Specials and volunteers. It is not necessary that an individual identifies as LGBT+ and they are not required to declare their sexuality or gender, including gender identity and expression.

We continue to seek to build on the commitment and expertise amongst our existing cohort of colleagues across BCUs and Commands, along with harnessing offers from new volunteers, who may consider themselves Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) and therefore capable of being an LGBT+ Adviser.

There are currently 132 Advisers across entire MPS:

AS – Central South BCU:	12 Advisers
AW – Central West BCU:	10 Advisers
CE – Central East BCU:	11 Advisers
CN – Central North BCU:	5 Advisers
EA – East Area BCU:	5 Advisers
NA – North Area BCU:	6 Advisers
NE – North East BCU:	8 Advisers
NW – North West BCU:	3 Advisers
SE – South East BCU:	7 Advisers
SN – South Area BCU:	4 Advisers
SW – South West BCU:	6 Advisers
WA – West Area BCU:	3 Advisers

All other business areas and commands: 52 Advisers

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please contact me using the email or postal addresses at the top of this document, quoting the reference number for this request.