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Subject: RE2 - Fw: LGBT Liaison officer resources for Barking and Dagenham

From: Ryan Edwards [mailto:[redacted] DPA]
Sent: 29 April 2013 22:46
To: McCarthy Eugene - KG
Cc: Darren.Rodwell@lbbd.gov.uk; Ryan Edwards
Subject: LGBT Liaison officer resources for Barking and Dagenham

Hi Eugene

With respect it is not yourself I want to meet with as you are not an LGBT liaison officer

Let me explain.....

After a year of trying fruitlessly to engage with the four LGBT liaison officers I am faced with the following conclusions:

This is not a 'real' resource. When I have asked how many hours per month each of the officers dedicate to lgbt liaison officer work I have not been given an answer. It looks like no resource given my year of trying to contact them and arrange a meeting has proved fruitless.

This has further been compounded by my recent contact with miles and when I suggested raising the profile of the LGBT liaison officers via an article in the lgbt newsletter 'out in barking and dagenham' he said that providing a picture would not be possible because of his other work (and I assume this applies to the other three supposed lgbt liaison officers as well).

If the lgbt liaison officers have to remain unknown to the very people who stand to benefit using this service it makes a mockery of how Barking and Dagenham police are trying to run this service and is potentially misleading by promoting a service that, in reality, is simply not there.

Basically there is either an LGBT Liaison officer service or there isn't - and if resources are an issue I am happy to have a meeting with whoever is necessary to ensure lgbt residents of Barking and Dagenham get the policing they pay for and deserve.

Regards

Ryan Edwards
Chair of LGBT network Barking and Dagenham

Sent from my iPhone

On 29 Apr 2013, at 16:28, Eugene.McCarthy@met.police.uk wrote:

Hi Ryan,

I hope that all is well. I saw you last week passing through Barking and beeped as I was driving past, but you didn't seem me!

I have just spoken with Miles and he has shown me a copy of your email. I am sorry to hear that you are disappointed with the engagement at this time. I know things can get lost in translation / email and am hoping that I can meet with you to discuss any issues and areas to rectify / clarify.

Are you available tomorrow afternoon / evening? I start at 2 p.m. until 10 p.m. and will be happy to meet up where convenient. I don't know if you are in a position to pop to Fresh Wharf - a bit off the beaten track or at Barking Police Station - a bit grotty but nearer to the station. Ideally I would prefer some time after 5 p.m., however if you can only do an earlier time I should be able to sort something out.

Alternatively, I am working 8 - 4 on Wed & Thurs and should be able to fit something in.

Hope to speak soon,

Eugene

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