

Summary

Berkshire Anti-Homophobia Group Study

- ❑ Conservative estimates suggest there are 27,147 gays and lesbians in Berkshire, constituting *at least* 4% of the population.
- ❑ 314 people across the county completed the Homophobic Incidents Survey.
- ❑ Of these, 203 people (65%) had been verbally abused: 176 (56%) because of their sexuality.
- ❑ 94 people (30%) had been physically abused: 64 (20%) because of their sexuality.
- ❑ 71 people (23%) had been harassed: 49 (16%) because of their sexuality.
- ❑ 82 people (26%) had been sexually abused, including 16 men and 13 women who had been raped.
- ❑ Only 36 incidents (12%) were reported to the police.

Summary of Incidence of Homophobia Locally and Nationally

	Berkshire Anti-Homophobia Group Study	Other British Studies (1)
Verbal Abuse	65%	65%
Physical Abuse	30%	35%
Harassment	23%	47%
Sexual Abuse	26%	

Note: (1) Mean figure of thirteen studies in Britain between 1980-97, see pages 8-10.

Summary of Levels of Reporting of Homophobic Crime

	Berkshire Anti-Homophobia Group Study	Other British Studies (2)
Level of Reporting to the Police	12%	27%

Note: (2) See note (1) above.