

Gay Surrey Lifestyle Survey 2008 results summary

Started in April 2007 Gay Surrey have issued a series of stats and reports
Here are the final stats for the Lifestyle Survey ending December 2008 compared to figures first launched.

The Lifestyle Survey

- **When asked to define yourself**
 - GAY was the most popular term used for both Gay Men and Women
- **55% of the people taking the survey were single**
- **78% stated they were out**
- **73% classed themselves as White British**
- **When asked if there was enough support for the Gay community of Surrey**
 - 91% stated No

Young People

- **Young people preferred to come out to their friends over their family**
- **38% of young people have been bullied at School/College because of the sexuality**
 - An increase of 4%
- **For those that work 20% have been bullied in the workplace due to the sexuality**
- **When asked what forms of abuse have you suffered , the list was**
 - Emotional
 - Physical
 - Verbal
 - Sexual
- **When asked if you reported it to anyone**
 - 86% said No
- **When asked if you have ever self harmed**
 - 22% said Yes
- **When asked if you have ever attempted suicide**
 - 23% said Yes

Civil Partnerships

- **When asked if you would consider holding a Civil Partnership**
 - 72% said they would
- **For those that are in a Civil Partnership, when asked if they have notified their employer**
 - 85% said No
- **How long have you been in a relationship**
 - Between 1 and 35 years
- **When asked where you held your Civil Partnership**
 - Weybridge and Brighton came top of the list
- **Should the church offer Civil Partnerships**
 - 56% said Yes
- **Should Civil Partnerships be open to everyone**
 - 81% said Yes
- **When planning your Civil Partnership have you ever experienced a negative reaction from a local company or venue**
 - 21% said Yes

Families

- **Are you a LGB Family**
 - 12% said Yes
- **Age range of Young People in household, top three order**
 - 10 to 16 years of age
 - 16 to 18 years of age
 - 1 to 10 years of age
- **When asked if you were ignored by public authorities the charity asked for some examples**
 - Hospital - When my son was sick, the hospital ignored the fact that he had two moms. They told us that only one person could stay overnight with him. While the other heterosexual parents were allowed to have two persons or parents stay overnight. My son was in the hospital for a week
 - Council - No special Housing consideration
 - Police – Cared less about our incident and more about being gay
 - Family – No consideration towards Anti natal classes
 - Council – seems to have a better action plan for refuse bags than for the LGBT community
- **45% of Gay Parents would like to meet other families**
- **Has your sexuality caused problems with your family**
 - 37% said Yes
- **Has any members of your family disowned you due to your sexuality**
 - 12% said Yes

Safety and Security

Surrey

58% of people in Surrey said they would report a hate incident/crime if it happened to them

28% of people completing the survey stated they have been a victim in Surrey, 60% did NOT report it, which is down by 2% showing action is being taken

- **Brand new website launched for reporting hate crime by Surrey Police for 2009**
 - <http://www.surreypoliceonline.co.uk/reportcrime/hatecrime/>

When asked:

- If you did report the incident/crime how did Surrey Police react to your request
47% said it was poor compared to 59% which is a great improvement
- 44% say they feel the need to hide their sexuality in public to remain safe, down by 4% which shows a healthy change in Surrey
- 20% felt Surrey Police treat everyone fairly regardless of their sexuality, which is up by 2%, yet again showing positive signs.
- 30% feel Surrey Police do NOT understand the issues that affect the LGBT community

Sexual Health

- **34% get regularly tested in a GUM clinic**
- **82% are aware of their sexual health**
- **Do you practice sexual activities outdoors**
 - 39% said they do
- **Have you ever been in a controlling or violent relationship**
 - 24% said Yes
- **When asked what more could be done for Gay Women surrounding sexual health**
 - The NHS came top in a need to change
 - Better facilities in evenings
 - No information helping gay women surrounding sexual health
 - Better education, more campaigns
 - Education in Schools and colleges
 - A gay woman to speak to

The Social Scene

- **Do we need more gay venues in Surrey**
 - 91% said Yes
- **Would you feel comfortable dining out on Valentines night**
 - 58% said No
- **How many times a week do you go out**
 - Top was once a week
- **57% enjoy the gay scene**
- **On an average night out, how much money do you spend, top 3**
 - £20-£30
 - £10-£20
 - Over £50
- **When going out is it usually weekly, monthly etc**
 - Weekly was top
- **What days of the week do you go out, top 5**
 - Saturday
 - Friday
 - Sunday
 - Wednesday
 - Thursday
- **Which social atmosphere do you prefer, top 5 were**
 - Pub
 - Restaurant
 - Club
 - Theatre
 - Sports