

NHS Rainbow Badges



Have you spotted our NHS rainbow

badges?

LGBT+ stands for lesbian, gay bisexual, transgender and the + simply means that we are inclusive of all identities, regardless of how people define themselves.

If you see someone wearing a badge, you can ask them about it. The badge is a reminder that you can talk to our staff about who you are, be open about your identity and how you feel. They will do their best to get support for you if you need it.

About the Rainbow Badges initiative

The Rainbow Badge initiative originated at Evelina London Children's Hospital to make a positive difference by promoting a message of inclusion.

A recent Stonewall survey (published November 2018) stated that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT+) patients face inequalities in their experience of NHS healthcare. The survey estimates that one in five LGBT+ people are not out to any healthcare professional about their sexual orientation when seeking general medical care, and one in seven LGBT+ people have avoided treatment for fear of discrimination.

We believe that people who work in healthcare can play a key role in making things better.

To begin to increase awareness of these issues, and to help improve the experiences of

healthcare for LGBT+ patients, our staff wear NHS rainbow badges.

- **Find out how our chief executive team are supporting the initiative.**
- **Find out more about the the Rainbow Badge Initiative.**