

Letter from Jeremy Corbin



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Dear Kenneth Baker

I have become increasingly concerned at the policing methods used against the gay community and I raised this at the last meeting of London Group MPs with you.

Since then I have read that £12 million pounds a year is being spent on prosecuting gay and bisexual men for consenting sex. I am shocked that such resources should be put into policing crimes which are without a victim. I would be interested to learn of comparable figures for the prosecution of heterosexual couples for indecency. Such heavy policing must result in greater harassment of the gay community.

The levels of serious crimes, burglaries, and other crimes where there are genuine victims is, I am sure you would agree, worrying. Surely, it would be more sensible to direct publicly funded resources into detection and prosecution of these crimes?

I understand that Harry Cohen has asked for an enquiry to be launched into the whole area of policing the gay community. I would certainly support that but I would also welcome your comments on the points I have raised in this letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Corbyn', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeremy Corbyn