

Manchester Stands United

We are all shocked and saddened by news of the terrible attack at the Manchester Arena last night. Our thoughts are with all who were affected by it, especially the victims and their families.

This was a horrific attack of terror and hate in our proud, vibrant and diverse city. Some will try to use this tragedy to further stigmatise the Muslim community. That is not in our name and we repudiate it. Instead we stand together with everyone in our Manchester community, to show solidarity with those affected and to challenge hate and intolerance in all its forms. We are proud of fellow citizens, including members of the LGBT community, who have been providing support and assistance all night as volunteers and as members of the emergency services, working in the hospitals and providing support behind the scenes.



Manchester will not be beaten. Unity, diversity and resilience are our strengths and all of the people of Manchester stand united against terrorism. LGBT Foundation will be joining the **vigil** being organised by Manchester City Council at **Albert Square** at **6pm tonight** and we hope to see you there. Further details on this and how you can help in the wake of this terrible attack is available [here](#).

A Book of Condolence is available at the Town Hall and online for messages of love and support. You can add your message [here](#).

Our helpline support will continue as usual for everyone who needs it. With best wishes and in solidarity,

**Paul Martin OBE, and everyone at
LGBT Foundation**

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"Cowardice of the attacker was met by the bravery of the emergency services and the people of Manchester."

**Prime Minister Theresa May,
On Manchester's response to last night's Terror Attack**