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**Subject:** Concerns: Garden Chambers associated barrister - transphobia online, and targeting a trans member of our staff  
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Dear Heads of Chambers: Leslie Thomas QC, Judy Khan QC, and Marc Willers QC

I am contacting you within my role as Head of Trans Inclusion at Stonewall to raise concerns regarding the barrister Allison Bailey and her association with yourselves.

Ms Bailey who goes by @bluskyeallison on twitter publicly states her association with Garden Court Chambers in her twitter bio. Via her twitter she has been making and retweeting multiple transphobic statements online, including:

- Retweeting threats of violence: "I am a walking hate crime" ([https://twitter.com/y\\_hail/status/1184053827449827328](https://twitter.com/y_hail/status/1184053827449827328))
- Liking and writing posts calling trans women men:
  - "because some men like performing femininity we are eliminating every safe space women have" (<https://twitter.com/NoToMisogyny/status/1186268687466143749>)
  - "I put the rights and safety of women before men who want to live as women" (<https://twitter.com/BluskyeAllison/status/1175363351129595904>)
- Writing tweets calling for trans people to lose their current legal rights:
  - "Women & girls have suffered, and continue to suffer, at the hands of predatory & abusive men. It is offensive & unacceptable to suggest, much less legislate, for a system whereby \*any\* man can declare himself lawfully to be a woman." (<https://twitter.com/BluskyeAllison/status/1184847295768125442>)
  - "tell the MoJ to stop sending men to women's prisons. Tell the NHS that no, men cannot self-ID onto women's wards." (<https://twitter.com/BluskyeAllison/status/1180665075851546625>)
- Writing posts that misgender trans women by saying they have "male privilege" (<https://twitter.com/BluskyeAllison/status/1183080781838716933>)
- Calling trans people and their campaign for equality "trans extremism" which is highly inflammatory language that encourages violent resistance (<https://twitter.com/BluskyeAllison/status/1176418398739341312>)

As well as specifically targeting Stonewall and specific members of our staff:

- **Targeting a woman who works for us (our trans empowerment manager) and calling her a man** "Morgan Page, a male" (<https://twitter.com/BluskyeAllison/status/1175739790181974017>)
- Calling our work on LGBT equality "gender extremism" (<https://twitter.com/BluskyeAllison/status/1188863773727166466>)
- accusing Stonewall of "appalling levels of intimidation, fear & coercion" (<https://twitter.com/BluskyeAllison/status/1188365954255863808>)
- spreading false information about Stonewall splitting (which is completely untrue) through retweeting these tweets: (<https://twitter.com/Marie07163544/status/1187047008302960642> & <https://twitter.com/GabriellaSwert/status/1187043177829675008> ).

Ms Bailey has also chaired Woman's Pace meetings which is regarded by many LGBT rights and anti-violence organisations to be a hate group.

These actions and their link to Garden Court Chambers, threatens the positive relationship yourselves have built with the trans community through holding events, round tables and meetings for trans people on trans equality & rights. Ms Baileys actions are also in direct conflict with the fantastic work your barristers, such as Alex Sharpe, have done on GRA reform.





Garden Court barristers have always been allies to trans people and to Stonewall, which is something we are very proud of and grateful for. However, for Garden Court Chambers to continue associating with a barrister who is actively campaigning for a reduction in trans rights and equality, while also specifically targeting members of our staff with transphobic abuse on a public platform, puts us in a difficult position with yourselves: the safety of our staff and community will always be Stonewall's first priority.

I trust that you will do what is right and stand in solidarity with trans people.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration on this issue.

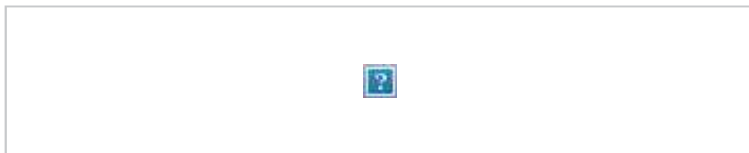
Yours sincerely,



Head of Trans Inclusion

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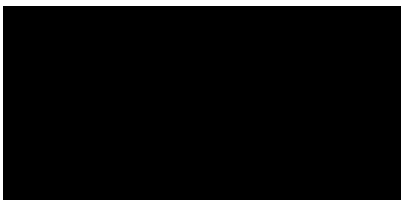


Although not required to, I have decided to redact the name of the person at Stonewall who sent the complaint. However, I have not redacted their role within the Stonewall organisation.

I have also decided to redact the names/email addresses within my chambers that Stonewall copied its complaint to. They include all of my clerks, the very people responsible for giving me work. Allison Bailey

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