



Ambulance Service at UK Pride (Hull) 22 July 2017



Hull is the UK City of Culture in 2017 and a large programme of events is happening throughout the year. On Saturday 22 July Hull will host UK Pride 2017 which includes a parade through the city and a party in Queen's Park including live entertainment and market place. The theme of the event is 'LGBT +50', recognising the fifty years since the decriminalisation of homosexuality on 27 July 1967. Live entertainment will take place in Queen's Gardens with a focus on 'Through the Decades'. Marc Almond will be headlining the event.

Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) will be taking part in this event. Staff members are invited to take part in the parade, during which our Trust Chairman and Director of Operations will be leaving a wreath at the Cenotaph as the march passes through Hull city centre.

YAS vehicles will also have stationary vehicles in Queen's Gardens throughout the day along with an information stall. The aim of this is to deliver key public health messages, promote free first aid awareness training courses, working for YAS, volunteering, Charitable Fund and Choose Well.

UK Pride is an event celebrating lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) people and their friends. **Everyone** is invited to come along to take part in this event, irrespective of anyone's sexual orientation.

Registration

If you haven't done already, please register your participation on Eventbrite. This means we can keep you informed with any updates and also keep a check on how many people are expected. The Eventbrite web-link is: <https://ambulance-ukpride-2017.eventbrite.co.uk>

Meeting Point on Day

Organisers of the event have asked participants in the parade to **be in position by 10:00 on Saturday 22 July**. Entry to the assembly area is by the George Street end of Wilberforce Drive (postcode HU1 3DG), which is close to Hull College.

The Ambulance Service will be allocated a parade starting position and you should head for that location and make yourself known to the organisers. An emergency ambulance will be taking part in the parade and will be in position from 10:00, so we should be easy to spot! Hull College are providing toilet and cafe facilities.

People taking part in the parade will be given an entry wristband which will give access to other events happening during the day, including Queen's Gardens.

For people not wanting to take part in the parade, the Community Engagement Ambulance will be positioned in Queen's Gardens from 11:00. Everyone is welcome to support the stall or drop and say hello. All support is gratefully received.

Security Arrangements

Recent terrorist attacks have reinforced the need for added vigilance at public events. We request that all staff attending bring their identification card and make yourself known to event organisers when you arrive.

You can also expect added security checks before the parade and at the entrance to Queen's Gardens. Event organisers have informed us bag searches will be taking place and people will only be allowed to take in one 500ml bottle of water into the park.

YAS will ensure additional drinks are available for ambulance staff at the information stall situated in the park.

Dress Code

It also looks particularly impressive if all staff can attend in the same uniform. Please could operational staff attend in full uniform, namely green shirts and white t-shirts, *not* polo shirts. Patient Transport Service (PTS), support and control staff should attend in their normal uniform.

Once the parade has finished it is requested that staff make arrangements to change out of uniform if staying for the activities and party. Staff will be able to use the ambulance vehicle to change in at the end of the parade, before it is returned to YAS premises.

Code of Conduct

The YAS Executive Team has asked all participants to acquaint themselves with the Trust Code of Conduct and observe this at all times. A copy of this document is available at each ambulance station and on the intranet. Among other things, it does highlight the need to carry a valid identification card at all times and also avoid licensed premises whilst in uniform.

Media Enquiries

If you are approached by the media during the day you should direct them to the appointed person who will have a prepared statement and briefing for the press. You should not make any statements to the press whilst representing YAS. The appointed people for YAS will be **Alistair Gunn** and **Ali Richardson**.

Collection of 'Goody Bags'

As a thank you to everyone taking part, we will make a goody bag available for everyone registered to take part in the event. You can collect this from the Community Engagement Ambulance which will be situated in Queen's Gardens.

Further Information

More information about the events taking place can be found at www.prideinhull.co.uk or www.hull2017.co.uk/lgbt50.

If you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact the Yorkshire Ambulance LGBT Network by emailing LGBT@yas.nhs.uk.

We hope you have a fantastic day!

Alistair Gunn and **Ali Richardson**