



## **LGBTIQA+ TERMINOLOGY**

Gender - The biological body that a person is born in.

Gender Identity – The gender to which a person identifies as i.e. A person who identifies as a female which in some cases is different to their gender. A person who identifies differently to their gender generally assumes the characteristics of the other gender/sex and lives as such.

Cisgender – A person whose gender assigned at birth matches their gender identity.

Lesbian – A woman or person who identifies as such who is attracted to other women or those that identify as such.

Gay – A man or person who identifies as such who is attracted to other men or those that identify as such.

Bisexual – A person who is sexually attracted not exclusively to one gender and attracted to both men and women.

Transgender – A person whose gender identity is different to their gender and lives as their affirmed gender. A person may not be on hormone replacement therapy or had any medical surgery to be transgender.

Intersex – An individual who is not typically born male or female when it comes to chromosomes or sexual characteristics i.e. XY = male, Intersex = XXY and female = XX.

Queer – A person whose sexual preference and gender identity are not straight and cisgender.

Questioning – A person who is in the process of discovery and exploration about their gender identity, gender expression and sexual orientation or a combination of these.

Asexual – A person who has a lack of sexual attraction to others or low interest in sexual activity.

Non-Binary also known as genderqueer – A person who neither identifies exclusively as a male or female or maybe a combination of both in the way they express themselves.

Non-binary transgender – A person who doesn't identify with their sex/gender assigned at birth and also consider themselves to be non-binary.