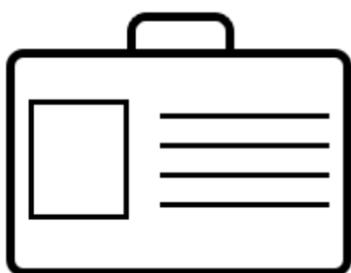




SUPPORT FOR TRANS STUDENTS AT NORTHUMBRIA

Using your preferred name



If you have a preferred name that isn't the same as your legal name, it will be changed on your smartcard, online portal, emails and registers. This is easily done through the My Info section on your portal

Support and Counselling

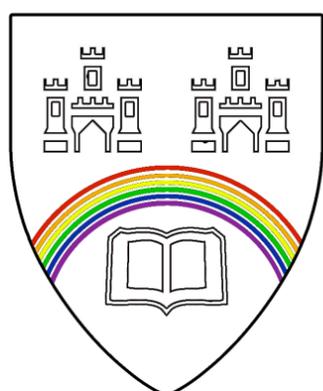


The SU and Uni offers Counselling and Mental Health Support, Welfare Support and an Inclusion team. You can apply for these on the student portal or at Ask4Help.

The Inclusion Team will also support you with any questions and through any processes

nu.inclusion@northumbria.ac.uk

LGBT+ Society



The SU offers an LGBT+ society, it is entirely student led and offers meetings and events ranging from welfare meets discussing a specific topic, social events and more. The society also has voted in Welfare Reps for various identities and orientations such as Trans+ and Non-Binary

www.mynsu.co.uk/getinvolved/society/lgbt

Gender Diversity Rep



The SU Student Council, sets policy and political priorities, coordinates campaigns, and holds the Sabbatical Team to account. On the Council we have a Gender Diversity Representative, currently held by Annabel Lee (they/them), they are always open for conversation, suggestions, questions or concerns at **annabel1.lee@northumbria.ac.uk**

Gender Neutral Toilets



There are gender neutral toilets available across the campuses located at;

- Ellison Building
- Wynne Jones
- Pandon Building
- Squires Building
- Squires Annexe
- Student Union
- CCE2
- Lipman Building
- Sport Central
- Northumberland
- Drill Hall
- CCE1
- Student Central
- Sutherland
- Sandyford
- CIS



GENDER RECONITION ACT

MYTHS & FACTS

MYTH

Children are getting irreversible hormones

FACT

HRT is can only be prescribed from age 16 providing they have been on on hormone/puberty blockers for at least 2 years. Whilst we don't fully understand puberty blockers, it is advised that these cause **physically reversable changes**.

MYTH

Men are calling themselves women to get into single sex spaces

FACT

Trans women already have access to single sex spaces, in services like Womens Shelters, everyone who tries to get access has to undergo a risk assessment to calculate any risk to other residents and staff, to prevent abusers or people with history of violence having access to vulnerable women.

MYTH

Anyone can get a GRA

FACT

Technically true but it is an incredibly difficult and inaccessible process for most. Requiring;

- Must be 18+
- Have diagnoses of gender dysphoria
- Lived in acquired gende for min 2 years
- Must have permission from any spouse
- Must be binary gender
- Costs £140
- Takes over 5 years generally

MYTH

There will be attacks in bathrooms if we let trans people pick their bathroom

FACT

There is **no evidence** or statistics that show trans women assaulting/harrasing cis women in a womans bathroom, nor the same for men.

Trans people are **more at risk** of violence or harassment in their correct genders bathroom, and even more in the bathroom of the gender they were assigned at birth

MYTH

Children will change their gender without understanding the consequences fully

FACT

You cannot obtain a Gender Recognition Certificate (GRC) under the age of 18, and you must have lived in your chosen gender for 2 years previously

The GRA is still in need of reform, currently it doesn't support Non-Binary people, easier access to a GRC through self declaration, removal of spousal veto and more support for young trans people.

Find out more at **Stonewall UK**

www.stonewall.org.uk/gender-recognition-act-gra-take-action-trans-equality