

1925

1935

1939-1945: World War Two

1945

1945: When Allied forces liberate Nazi concentration camps, those interned for being gay are not freed, but required to serve out the full term of their sentences in prison

1946: Michael Dillon is the first person in the UK to undergo FTM gender reassignment surgery

1946: Roberta Cowell is the first person in the UK to undergo MTF gender reassignment surgery

1955

1957: Wolfenden Committee Report recommends decriminalising sex between men

1965

1967: Sex between men legalised in England and Wales

1969: Stonewall riots – New York

1971: Gay Liberation Front founded in London

1975

1974: Lothian Gay & Lesbian Switchboard launched

1980: Sex between men legalised in Scotland

1981: First cases of AIDS

1985

1988: Section 28 banned local authorities from “promoting homosexuality”

1992: Homosexuality removed from World Health Organisations’ list of mental disorders

1995

2000: Section 28 repealed in Scotland

2001: Age of consent equalised for same-sex and mixed-sex couples

2004: *Gender Recognition Act*: Trans people are now able to legally claim their gender

2005

2005: *Civil Partnership Act*

2009: *Hate Crime legislation introduced*: Crimes based on sexual orientation and transgender status are classified as hate crimes, which means they are more strictly punished and taken more seriously. Includes hate speech.

2010: *Equality Act*: Public services must consider the needs of LGBT people and tackle inequality and discrimination. Protects from discrimination at work, in shops, in services, in education, etc.

2010: Gender reassignment no longer linked to medical intervention

2014: Same sex marriage introduced

2015