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Number of LGBT+ asylum seekers refused by Home Office soars by 52%

Thousands of people seeking protection due to threats against their sexual orientation denied sanctuary in Britain

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claims that included a reference to sexual
c, or a total of 1,464 people. This was a 52
then 61 per cent or 964 similar claims were

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re “deeply worrying” and claimed the
Home Office had “set the bar too high” for people seeking protection.

Many are left with no option but to return to countries where they could
face prison, violence, or death, they added.

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The data, which the government
only started publishing last
year, shows that of the 5,316 asylum
applications made on the grounds
of sexual orientation over the three
year period, 3,776 were refused.

Of the 2,908 claimants who
appealed their
negative decisions over that time,

more than two thirds had their rejections overturned, the figures show.

The proportion of LGBT+ claims accepted by the Home Office was
considerably steeper than the drop in the grant rate for asylum seekers
overall, which fell from 40 per cent to 32 per cent over the same period.



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