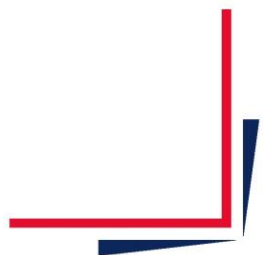
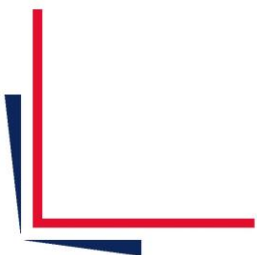


Worksheet: The Legal Context for Gay Men in the UK (1950s)

In your group, read and discuss the information cards you have been given and answer the questions in Section 1 **and** Section 2 of this worksheet. Remember to **support** your answers.

Section 1: Recording Key Information

1. What were the three main **laws** used to criminalise LGBTQ+ people in Britain in the 1950s, and how did they work?
2. How did **entrapment** (police pretending to be interested in a same-sex relationship to trick someone into breaking the law) contribute to arrests and prosecutions?
3. Why was Alan Turing arrested in **1952**? How did the law at the time justify his prosecution?



Section 2: Demonstrating Understanding

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11. What do you think was the **purpose of Turing's Law**, and why was it introduced decades later?

12. In what ways do you think **Turing's legacy** has helped people understand LGBTQ+ history?

Summary Questions (Write down your answer to the questions on the slide here)

Given what you have learned about the legal system, social attitudes, and government fears in the 1950s, why do you think Turing was prosecuted?

Do you think his treatment was purely about enforcing the law, or do you think there were deeper reasons behind his conviction?