



Understanding Hate Crime in North Yorkshire and the City of York

Who we are and what we do



We are the **North Yorkshire Police**. We keep people safe in the **North Yorkshire and City of York** area.

What this leaflet is about

We wrote a leaflet about **hate crime**.



A **hate crime** is when someone says or does something which hurts you or your property.

They do this because of something about you as a person. For example, they may hurt you because you are disabled or because you are from another background, country, culture or race.





Hate crime is against the law. It is wrong for someone to hurt you because you might be different from them.

Hate crime in North Yorkshire and City of York



It can be hard to tell someone about a **hate crime**. We found out that people in **North Yorkshire** and **York** do not always tell us when a **hate crime** happens to them.



It means they do not always call **999** to tell us about what has happened unless they feel very scared.

We think this might happen for different reasons. We think people might not call because

- They might think it is OK for someone to hurt them or their property because of who they are.





- They do not understand what a **hate crime** is or that it has happened to them.

- They might not know how to tell the police something has happened – it might make them feel awkward or they might not know how to communicate with the police.



- They might not know that it is always good to tell someone about a **hate crime** – even if the person thinks it isn't important

Stopping hate crimes from happening



We want to try to stop hate crimes from happening. We can do this by working with other groups like the council. We know we can

- Do more to tell people what a hate crime is and why they happen





- Train staff to know more about different people including disabled people and people with other needs

- Work with the council to keep people safer in places where more hate crimes happen and at night – for example on buses and trains



- Make it easier for people to tell us what has happened to them. But we also need to help our staff and partners like the council to get people to use our services

More about hate crimes

Hate crimes can happen to people for different reasons. They might happen to you because of

Race

Race means where you or your family is from. We already know that people tell us about a **hate crime** to do with their race. But lots of other people **do not** tell us about what has happened because it happens so much, they do not think it is important.



Disability



Disabled people suffer from **hate crimes** a lot. They do not always tell the police. They are better at calling the emergency number **999** but they do not always know to call the local police. The number to do this is **101**.

Religion



Religion is what you believe in. For example, you might be a Christian or a **Muslim**. People who are **Muslims** can have a lot of problems with **hate crime**.

LGBT



LGBT people have relationships in different ways. For example, some men only love men and some women only love women. There have been problems between the police and **LGBT** people. We want to change this.

Things we are going to do



We want to help people who have suffered from a **hate crime**. There is not enough

- help from the police or other places too



- people understand what a hate crime is or how they can help

- people taking hate crimes seriously so they do not think they need to tell the police



We want to help police staff to know more about what help is there for people who have suffered a **hate crime**.

We also want to let different groups of people

- know more about hate crimes so they can know what to look out for



- how to tell the police if it happens to them

We do not want people to ‘put up with’ bad things happening to them anymore.

Independent Advisory Group



We will do more with our **Independent Advisory Group**. This group will be able to give advice to the police about what different groups of people and different communities need.

Telling us about hate crimes



We will

- look at the different ways people can tell us about a hate crime



- make it easier for other people to tell us about a **hate crime** that they have seen happen



- have more services available that are easy for everyone to use so they understand how to tell the police about hate crimes

We want to make our services easier for everyone to use so that people can get in touch with **North Yorkshire** police easily.



For example, we will make it easier for people to tell us about a hate crime online or by sending a video message.

This will be for emergency hate crimes where someone is in a lot of danger and for hate crimes that are not so urgent.



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