

# **LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY**

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Meeting           **DIVERSITY COMMITTEE**

Date               **MONDAY 9 MAY 2011 – 9.00 A.M.**

Report of         **CHIEF CONSTABLE**

Subject           **HATE CRIME**

## **Summary**

1. This report is to give members an update regarding hate crime recording within Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, identifying trends and action taken to address any issues.

## **Recommendations**

2. Members are recommended to note and discuss the contents of this report.

## **Definition of Hate Crime**

3. Hate crime.  
Any hate incident, Crime or non crime which constitutes a criminal offence, perceived by the victim or any other person, as being motivated by prejudice or hostility.
4. Hate Incident.  
Any incident, crime or non crime which may or may not constitute a criminal offence, which is perceived by the victim or any other person, as being motivated by prejudice or hostility.
5. Age related hate crime.  
Any incident which is perceived to be based upon hostility, prejudice or hatred of the victim because of their age or so perceived by the victim or any other person.
6. Disability hate crime.  
Any incident which is perceived to be based upon hostility, prejudice or hatred of the victim because of their disability or so perceived by the victim or any other person.”  
The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (DDA 1995) defines a disability as a ‘Physical or mental impairment which has substantial and long term adverse effect on an individual’s ability to carry out his/her normal day to day activities.
7. Foreign National (Asylum Seekers) hate crime.  
Any incident which is perceived to be based upon a person’s status as an asylum seeker by the victim or any other person.
8. Gender related hate crime.  
Any incident which is perceived to be based upon prejudice or hatred of the victim because of a person’s gender identity or so perceived by the victim or any other person.
9. Homophobic hate crime.  
Any incident which is perceived to be homophobic by the victim or any other person.  
Homophobia is the fear or hatred of a person who is gay or bisexual. You don’t have to

be gay or bisexual to be a victim.(Hatred on the grounds of sexual orientation is now included in the amended public order act 1986 section 29AB defines hatred on the grounds of sexual orientation be they heterosexual, homosexual or bi-sexual).

10. Racial hate crime.

Any incident which is perceived to be racist by the victim or any other person. Section 17 of the public order act defines 'racial' hatred as being against a group of persons defined by reference to colour, race, nationality (including citizenship) or ethnic or national origins.

11. Religious (Faith) hate crime.

Any incident which is perceived to be based upon hostility, prejudice or hatred towards the religion or lack of religion of the victim or so perceived by the victim or any other person.

12. Faith Related Incident.

Any Incident which is perceived to be based upon hostility, prejudice or hatred towards the faith or lack of faith of the victim or so perceived by the victim or any other person.

13. Transphobic hate crime.

Any incident which is perceived to be transphobic by the victim or any other person.

**Hate Crime Statistics**

08/09	Homophobic	Racial	Religious	Transphobic	Disability	Age	Total
City	64	886	77	0	9	3	1039
North	40	281	12	0	4	2	339
South	18	201	5	0	0	1	225
Force	122	1369	94	0	13	6	1604

09/10	Homophobic	Racial	Religious	Transphobic	Disability	Age	Total
City	74	983	102	1	33	3	1196
North	41	281	13	1	11	2	349
South	33	223	13	0	23	1	293
Force	148	1489	128	2	67	6	1840

10/11	Homophobic	Racial	Religious	Transphobic	Disability	Age	Total
City	88	868	107	4	*115 62	*92 42	*1274
North	43	267	15	3	*51 31	*58 28	*437
South	26	195	17	1	*23 14	*26 17	*288
Force	157	1330	139	8	*189 107	*176 87	*1998

**Note.** Asterisk denotes total reported incidents including those recorded as Vulnerability or ASB. Second figure denotes number of actual crimes and incidents recorded as motivated by disability or age.

**Hate Crime Trends**

14. There has been a gradual increase in all forms of reported hate crime, this is in line with the national trend. Disability hate crime has seen the largest increase in reporting over the last 3 years. Again this mirrors not only the general interest and awareness nationally regarding disability hate crime and incidents, but also the considerable time and effort invested by Leicestershire Constabulary in relation to community engagement.

## **Actions taken by the force**

15. The force has developed easy read and write information for those who have a learning disability with the ability to change the colour of the back grounds and font size and font colour to aid those whom have a visual impairment when using our on-line reporting forms.
16. We have introduced a monitored fax machine in call handling allowing those in our community whom are deaf, hard of hearing or have hearing impairments to be able to communicate in a medium that is the most appropriate to that individual, thus allowing greater accessibility to our services.
17. Over the last 12 months Leicestershire Constabulary, key partners and the community has launched the on line Stamp It Out project which was initially developed within the LGBT community. This project has now been rolled out to cover all strands of diversity. This project encourages the reporting not only hate crime but also offering advice and support to those where required
18. The True Vision Hate Crime reporting mechanism was adopted by Leicestershire constabulary and went live in January 2011. True Vision is a national project funded and run by central government. This project is available either on or in a paper format. True vision allows a victim or any other person to report a hate crime. Further information is contained on the Leicestershire Constabulary website.
19. At present Leicestershire Constabulary is working with Mencap on a project to look at ways to improve service delivery in all aspects including policies, strategies or guidance in place in relation to tackling hate crime against people with (learning) disabilities. The monitoring of all hate crime, trends and issues raised is a continuous process.
20. The approach of the force towards tackling hate crime has attracted national interest, and several forces have visited Leicestershire for guidance and advice
21. We will continue to maintain our established relationships with partner agencies for both service providers and service users regarding all disability throughout Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, as well as seeking to establish new sustainable working relationships with disability groups throughout the force area.

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