

SUBJECT: HATE CRIME EXCEPTION PAPER

Report of the Chief Constable

<p>PURPOSE OF THE REPORT</p> <p>1. To provide an update on Hate Crime.</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2. That the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is satisfied with the Policing of Hate Crime.</p>
<p>POLICE AND CRIME PLAN</p> <p>3. Hate crime is any incident which is perceived to be motivated by prejudice based on the victim's disability, race, religion, gender identity or sexual orientation. Nobody should have to live with the fear, anxiety and consequences of hate crime. Recent high profile incidents and Brexit have added significance to this as a priority area across West Yorkshire and nationally, and has a big impact on people's feelings of safety. In reality all strands of hate crime have increased over the last year with Race Hate accounting for around 80% of all hate crime.</p>
<p>KEY INFORMATION</p> <p>3. The PCC launched (Feb 2020) the West Yorkshire Victims and Witnesses strategy 2019-2021 "Supporting People Harmed by Crime". It has seven key objectives. It is available on the PCC's website. www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/west-yorkshires-victims-and-witnesses-strategy</p> <p>4. The PCC's commissioned services to support victims are available to all victims of hate crime, including those who do not report to the police. This includes the core referral and local support service and the restorative justice service. www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/how-we-work/supporting-victims</p> <p>5. The PCC through the Safer Communities Fund has granted £341,600 to 81 projects to tackle Hate Crime.</p> <p>6. To reassure communities the PCC has continued in his role to promote hate crime, he has spoken at events especially during hate crime week. He has offered reassurance around recent domestic and international terror attacks.</p> <p>7. The PCCs Youth Advisory Group has made a video to encourage young people to report hate crime.</p>

8. The PCC has met with MPs and with a number of different community based groups to discuss their concerns around hate crime this includes: LGBTQ communities, Gypsy and Travellers Advocacy group – Leeds Gate, Muslim Safety Forum- Leeds and the Polish community.
9. PCC will continue to work with other organisations to specifically support victims of Hate Crime.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

10. The PCC has supported launches of the District Hate Crime Strategies and continues to work with organisations such as Stop Hate and Tell Mama.
11. The PCCs Victims Services Adviser attends the meeting of Hate Crime Reporting Centres convened by the Police, and the Tel Mamma West Yorkshire Advisory Board.
12. The PCC is represented at the meetings of all five Community Safety Partnerships, where there is regular discussion of hate crime issues at district level and the multi-agency work being undertaken in response to it.

ATTACHMENT

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