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Your reference:

## Your request under Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Thank you for contacting the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for information about Hate Crime. Your request was received on 27 August 2019 and given the reference FOI00347.

You have requested the following information:

**Request 1:**

*Is tackling hate crime included in the Police and Crime Commissioner's current priorities?*

- Yes
- No
- *If yes – can you let us know what you are doing to tackle hate crime in your areas?*

**Response 1:**

Hate crime is a recognised priority in the Police & Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan "A plan to keep us safer" 2016 – 2021. It falls within the strategic priority to "strengthen partnerships, to work together to reduce crime, promote public safety and create vibrant and inclusive communities".

To help tackle hate crime in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, the Commissioner has:

- Increased the number of third party reporting centres (TPRCs) from 3 to 60.
- Produced literature such as posters and information leaflets which are freely available to TPRCs and the public to download and use.
- Funded the victim care service which supports victims of hate crime.
- Commissioned services to help tackle hate crime (see full list below).
- Worked with the business community to create a business guide for tackling hate crime.
- Funded the Heartstone Odyssey Project to tackle intolerance and prejudice.
- Helped produce a new prejudicial languages toolkit aimed at infant/junior and secondary schools across our policing area.
- Supported a pilot for out of court disposals for low level hate crime offenders.
- Created a hate crime strategy which has never previously existed <https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Hate-Crime-Strategy-2017-2021-FINAL-VERSION.pdf>

**Request 2:**

*Does the Police and Crime Commissioner allocate specific funding for tackling hate crime?*

Yes

No

*If yes – How much are you allocating this year?*

**Response 2:**

The Commissioner does not allocate a specific amount each year to tackle hate crime. To date the Commissioner has invested over £100k to help tackle hate crime, this includes running an entire small grants round, solely focussed on hate crime projects in 2016/17 when 12 projects were funded.

Each of the Commissioner's safer communities grants round (two run per year), include hate crime as a commissioning theme. To date the Commissioner has funded the following projects/services to help tackle hate crime:

### **Hate Crime Small Grants Round 2016 / 17**

- **Awaz FM Community Radio (Southampton) (£2,000)**  
"Shout Out Against Hate Crime" – Radio programme targeted at minority ethnic audience / communities to raise awareness of Hate Crime.
- **Communities First Wessex (covering East Hampshire) (£2,952)**  
"Love Diversity" Supporting LGBT young people by providing emotional and mental health support to those experiencing Hate Crime and discrimination.
- **Cultural Media Enterprises (Southampton) (£3,000)**  
Devising, writing, recording and broadcasting a radio drama incorporating verbatim accounts of the experiences of hate crime victims and experiences of reporting crimes alongside original drama and music created by a cast of local young people.
- **Eastleigh Community Safety Partnership (£2,000)**  
Development of Hate Crime leaflets and literature for Third Party Reporting Centres in the borough.
- **Gosport Safety Partnership (£300)**  
Promoting of the Third Party Reporting Centre at the Gosport Discovery Centre.
- **Motiv8 South (Portsmouth) (£2,878)**  
Development and delivery of the Respect Programme which is part of the PREVENT agenda, delivering 10 workshops to young people which will also include Hate Crime.
- **Motiv8 (Gosport and Fareham) (£2,996)**  
Creating a DVD around the growing problem of hate crime for wide distribution.
- **Saints Foundation (Southampton) (£2,100)**  
Delivery of 12 interactive Hate Crime workshops at 12 Southampton schools / venues aimed at young people.
- **Spring Arts & Heritage Centre (£2,976)**  
Theatre in schools, performance of the play "Labels", to 800 students in four schools which raises awareness of intolerance in various guises.



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- **YMCA Fairthorne (£2,920)**

Hate crime literature and providing a safe space for an estimated 100 people for reporting instances of hate crime at Newtown Community Centre aimed at inner city young people.

### **Safer Communities Fund 2016/17**

- **Age UK IOW (£21,000)**

LGBT Domestic Abuse & Hate Crime Support Project. Improved understanding and practical solutions to counteract homophobic hate crime and domestic violence against the older LGBT community.

### **Safer Communities Fund 2017/18**

- **Age UK IOW (£26,000)**

Older Person's LGBTQI Hate Crime & Domestic Abuse Project. To raise awareness and develop practical solutions to enable victims of homophobic hate crime/domestic abuse feel protected and supported.

- **Citizens Advice (Hampshire) (£50,000)**

Establishing Independent Third Party Hate Crime Reporting Centres in Hampshire. Third Party Hate Crime Reporting Centres hosted at Local Citizens Advice (LCA) centres providing a universal service accessible to all communities.

### **Safer Communities Fund 2018/19 (Large)**

- **Isle of Wight Pride (£10,000)**

Staging PRIDE on the Isle of Wight

- **Age UKIW (£34,000)**

LGBTQI Domestic Abuse & Hate Crime Support Project. Awareness raising & practical activities enabling victims of homophobic hate crime/domestic abuse, & wider LGBTQi community feel safe and supported.

### **Safer Communities Fund 2018/19 (Small)**

- **Blue AppleTheatre (£11,850)**

A new 45 minute play & workshop based on real hate-crime testimonies & case studies will be toured to schools across Hampshire and The Isle of White.

- **Motiv8 (Havant) (£4,000)**



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Hate crime intervention package for young people; providing targeted group work, alongside educational hate crime workshops.

- **SPECTRUM Centre for Independent Living**

Bringing affected communities together to develop innovative community solutions to increasing reporting & awareness & reducing impact of hate crime

- **Isle of Wight Citizens Advice (£12,400)**

A community focused education and awareness raising programme about hate crime and how to report it, focussing on disability.

### **Safer Communities Fund 2019/20 (Large)**

- **Age UKIW (£34,000)**

LGBTQI Hate Crime Support Project. We will raise awareness and develop practical solutions to enable victims of homophobic/trans-phobic/bi-phobic hate crime feel protected and supported.

In addition the Commissioner funded the Heartstone Odyssey Project (£24,000) in 2017/18, to tackle prejudicial languages and behaviours in schools.

#### **Request 3:**

*How many hate crime awareness events are taking place in your area? We are encouraging everyone organising hate crime awareness events throughout the year (not just during the national week) to let us know so that we can place markers on the National Hate Crime Google Map that we have set up to show where events are taking place across the UK (URL link below).*

*The map aims to promote existing events and activities across the UK whilst also enabling us to see which areas are addressing hate crime and which areas are not.*

#### **Response 3:**

The Commissioner is unable to identify the total number of events which are being run across the entirety of the Hampshire policing area, however the Commissioner will be part of two specific events during hate crime awareness week this year.

The launch of the Hate Crime guide for businesses which has been created in partnership with Enterprise cars and will be launched at their UK headquarters in Egham, Surrey. On the 14<sup>th</sup> October.

The Commissioner will also be involved in the launch of the prejudicial languages toolkit on the 15<sup>th</sup> October in Winchester. The toolkit includes a new pro forma for recording hate crimes in school, a new annual survey aimed at young people in schools to understand the level of hate crime and how it is being challenged from their perspective and a new leaflet aimed at parents, to inform them that prejudicial language and behaviour is not acceptable.

**Request 4:**

*Is the Police and Crime Commissioner planning to participate in National Hate Crime Awareness Week 2019?*

- Yes
- No
- *If yes – can you tell us what the Police and Crime Commissioner is planning to do.*

**Response 4:**

The Police and Crime Commissioner will be supporting hate crime awareness week in 2019 and will be

- Promoting TPRCs.
- Promoting hate crime reporting.
- Launching the Hate Crime guide for businesses.
- Launching the Prejudicial Languages Toolkit.
- Creating new literature and posters to help raise awareness.

**Request 5:**

*Has the Police and Crime Commissioner participated in previous National Hate Crime Awareness weeks?*

- Yes
- No
- *If yes - please can you tick the years that the Police and Crime Commissioner has recently taken part in the national week.*
- 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018

**Response 5:**

The Commissioner has supported hate crime awareness week since 2015.

**Request 6:**

*Has the Police and Crime Commissioner written any letters of support/public statements for the National week this year?*

- Yes
- No
- *If yes - please could you send us a copy of those letters with a photo of the Police and Crime Commissioner so we can post them on our website.*

**Response 6:**

The Commissioner has not yet written any letters of support/public statements for hate crime awareness week this year.

**Request 7:**

*Is there anything that we can do for you?*

**Response 7:**

We thank you for contacting the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner and for asking if there is anything you can do for us. We will make the Commissioner aware of your Freedom of Information Request and your offer and would no doubt be in touch if something should present itself.

If you are unhappy with the way the request has been handled or the decision made, you have the right to require the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire to review the decision. Complaints should be made in writing to [opcc@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:opcc@hampshire.pnn.police.uk) . If you are unhappy with the outcome of the review, you can contact the Information Commissioner. Their details can be obtained by visiting: <https://ico.org.uk/>