

## Hate Crime Task Group Report



The report wanted to look at how hate crime is reported in Sheffield.



They wanted to find out what is working well and what isn't working well.



They also wanted to find out if they could make any improvements.



Hate Crime is: when someone does something unpleasant to someone else because of their race or ethnicity, religion or belief, disability, gender identity or sexual orientation.



Hate Crime includes things like bullying and verbal abuse.



Victims are often disappointed by the Police's response.



They spoke with Police. They found that there are more Hate Crimes each year.



They also say that not everyone who experiences Hate Crime reports it.



They say that people with disabilities are less likely to report.



The report talks about cases of Hate Crimes that have been on the news- like Stephen Lawrence's story.



The report says that Laws are changing so that people who commit Hate Crimes can be punished.



The Equality Act 2010 protects people with disabilities from being discriminated against.



Some people experience Hate Crime because of their race, sexuality and disability.



A lot of Hate Crime happens on public transport, like the bus.



The Government want to give public transport training around Hate Crime.



Sheffield will have changes in their approach to Hate Crime using an action plan.



The police in Sheffield say that Hate Crime is important to them.



There is a new group called Hate Crime Scrutiny Panel. This group want to help more people report Hate Crime.



They will meet every month.



There is a new project called Fearless. This is to keep young people in Sheffield safe from Hate Crime.



The Council used a 'task group' to get information from people in Sheffield.



There is an 'Equality Hub Network' in Sheffield. Lots of different people are involved, including people with disabilities and carers.



They want to make things better for people.



Young people from the Sheffield Futures group talked about Hate Crime and young people.



They also met with Sheffield Voices. The report talks about the video Sheffield Voices made about Hate Crime.



They talked to Sheffield Voices about hate crime and people with disabilities.



They talked about problems with communication, awareness and reporting.



The Council sent questionnaires to other groups like Heeley City Farm and Sheffield University.



The police will work with these groups to make new resources about Hate Crime.



The report says that there should be accessible information about Hate Crime available.



To make things better, they think that there should be easier ways to report hate crimes.



There were talks about having a phone line to give advice on Hate Crime.



People told them that when they called 101 they had to wait a long time. This put people off reporting crimes.



The young people they spoke to said they had problems when using the internet. They were sometimes bullied online.



People said they don't always want to go to the police.



The 'Fearless' project lets people report to police without giving their name.



People thought this was a good idea and should happen in other places too.