



Hertfordshire

Hate Crime Strategy

2021 to 2026



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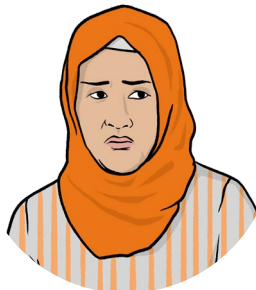
Introduction



Hertfordshire County Council and other local organisations have written this plan to tackle **Hate Crime** in our county.



A **Hate Crime** is when someone bullies or hurts someone because they don't like who they are.



This could be because:

- of your religion - this is to do with what you believe in and think about the world



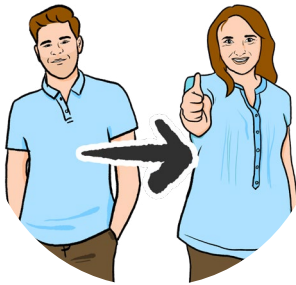
- of your race - what you look like or where you are from



- you are disabled



- of who you may want a relationship with. For example, someone may be attracted to men, women or both



- you are a man, woman or something else. And whether this has changed since you were born.



Hate Crimes affect more than just the people who suffered the crime.

They affect whole families and communities too.



Hate Crimes lead to people:

- feeling frightened in their everyday lives



- not trusting other people.



It is important that we all work together to tackle Hate Crime.



We think it is very wrong for someone to be hurt or bullied because of who they are.



We think everyone has the right to be safe.

Our plan



To tackle Hate Crime in Hertfordshire we are going to:

- make more people aware of what Hate Crime is



- help people to feel confident about telling the police about Hate Crime



- have different ways for people to tell the police about Hate Crime



- give people the right support when they speak up about Hate Crime



- take Hate Crime seriously



- treat people properly and with respect.

Working together

We will work together with people from:



- Hertfordshire Equality Council
- they speak up for people from backgrounds who may suffer from Hate Crime



- Hertfordshire County Council



- The Police



- Crown Prosecution Service - this is a government service that decides which cases go to court



- **Beacon** and other victim services.

Beacon supports people who have suffered from a crime.



We will share information between these organisations.



Listening to communities

There will be meetings with different community groups so we can listen to people.



By involving people we can make sure we are doing things that are best for everyone.



Every year we will write a report so that everyone knows if things are getting better.

Survey

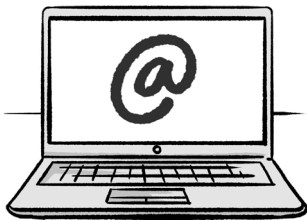


We would like to know what you think of our Hate Crime Plan.

You can tell us what you think by answering the questions on page 12.



We need your answers by Friday, 29 January 2021.



Please send your answers to:
ccsu@hertfordshire.gov.uk



These are the main things we want to achieve:

- Make more people aware of what Hate Crime is.



- Help people to feel confident about telling the police about Hate Crime.



- Have different ways for people to tell the police about Hate Crime.



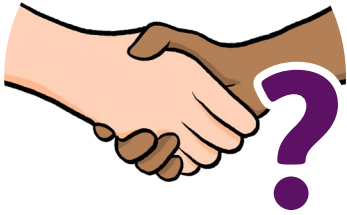
- Give people the right support when they speak up about Hate Crime.



- Hate Crime is taken seriously and treated sensitively.



- Treat people properly and with respect.



Question 1: Do you agree that these should be the main things we achieve?

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Yes

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No

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Some of them



Question 2: Are there any other things that you think we should be doing to tackle Hate Crime?



Question 3: Would you like to attend a Hate Crime workshop in January or February? This will be a meeting on the computer.

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Yes

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No



If you ticked 'Yes', please tell us how we can contact you?



Question 4: Do you have any other comments about our plans for Hate Crime 2021- 2026?

For more information



For more information, please go to:
www.hertsagainsthate.org