



## Hate Crime Key Findings Easy Read Version



## What is Hate Crime?



Police Scotland describe a Hate Crime as crime motivated by malice or ill will towards someone because of their:



Race



Sexual orientation



Religion or faith



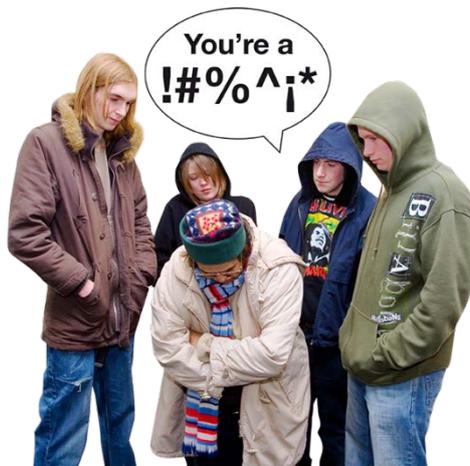
Disability



Transgender or gender identity



When a hate crime has happened to someone with a learning disability it is not often reported



Hate crimes target vulnerable members of our communities and this has a really bad effect on both victims and their families



In some cases victims or witnesses of hate crime do not feel comfortable reporting the matter to the police

**Third Party Reporting Centres** are places that are familiar to people, like libraries or housing associations



Police Scotland works with lots of **Third Party Reporting Centres** to help victims and witnesses report hate crimes



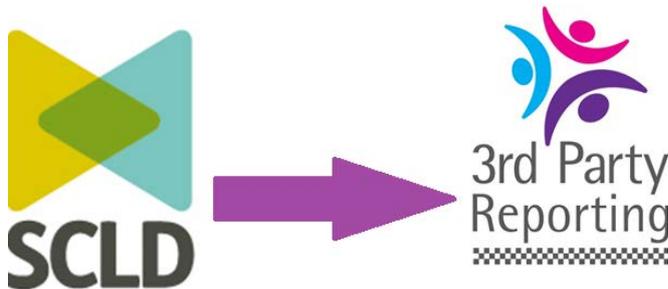
Staff within **Third Party Reporting Centres** should have been trained to help a victim or witness by reporting the hate crime to the police



This means that the victim or witness can remain anonymous



## Aim



The Scottish Commission for Learning Disability (SCLD) worked with **Third Party Reporting Centres** in Scotland in March 2016

## We wanted to know 4 things



**1** What organisations actually consider themselves to be **Third Party Reporting Centres**?



2 If the centre had reported any hate crimes in the last year



3 Who have the **Third Party Reporting Centres** reported any hate crimes to?



4 Have **Third Party Reporting Centres** reported gender based violence as a hate crime?

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Reporting Centres Survey

**Questions**



1. What do you think about it?

Good

Bad

Not sure



To get the information from organisations we used a survey



The majority of the **Third Party Reporting Centres** we asked still considered themselves to be a Third Party Reporting Centre



Almost all the **Third Party Reporting Centres** reported little or no activity in the last year



The majority of **Third Party Reporting Centres** said that staff and resources was not an issue for them



Some organisations told us they had received refresher training from the police



Most **Third Party Reporting Centres** said they would report any issues using Police Scotland's online reporting tool



A small number of **Third Party Reporting Centres** said they would report through a named contact with the police



A small number of **Third Party Reporting Centres** said they would either call 101 or go into a local police station



A small number of **Third Party Reporting Centres** said they would report it internally



The majority of **Third Party Reporting Centres** did not answer whether Gender Based Violence was reported differently from a hate crime

## Awareness and Role



The awareness of the role of a **Third Party Reporting Centre** was low in many of the responses



There was confusion about the role of a **Third Party Reporting Centre**



Many organisations were unable to say what their role was as a **Third Party Reporting Centre**



We found out that not many people know about third party reporting



We found out that in some Councils all of their libraries are listed as **Third Party Reporting Centres**



In some councils only some libraries are **Third Party Reporting Centres**



There are also some councils who do not have any libraries as **Third Party Reporting Centres**



We found out that some **Third Party Reporting Centres** were staffed by only 1 person at a time



At some centres they could not provide a private room to talk to people about issues they wished to report



It was hard to find out if Council Social Work Services provided a **Third Party Reporting Centre** service

## Staffing and Resources



Most organisations said they had the staff and resources to be a **Third Party Reporting Centre**





However there was not a lot of information to prove that



Some organisations displayed Police Scotland branding and that was why they said that they were a **Third Party Reporting Centre**



Some organisations also said they were unsure what a **Third Party Reporting Centre** was



Many public organisations require you to book their private rooms which would mean they would not be prepared for someone walking in



Only having 1 member of Staff at a time to help someone and report something is not good

The majority of organisations knew about Police Scotland's Online Reporting Tool

**POLICE SCOTLAND**

197870001 - Hate Crime Form

**Hate Crime Form**

This form is to report hate crime which has occurred in Scotland.

Police will only receive this form during normal office hours. If you require an immediate response please telephone 101. In an emergency please dial 999.

If you are not familiar with the form or do not know how to complete it, you can get help from a member of staff or a volunteer at your local police station.

**1 - Hatred motivation**

Section 1 of the Hate Crime Act 2017 defines the following as the motives for a hate crime:

- Race
- Religion
- Disability
- Sexual Orientation
- Gender

**2 - Victim, Witness or 3rd Party Report**

Section 2 of the Hate Crime Act 2017 defines the following as the motives for a hate crime:

- Victim
- Witness
- 3rd Party

**3 - Victim Details**

The Police Scotland will only be able to contact you if you have provided a contact number. If you do not wish to provide a contact number, please tick the box below. If you have any questions please contact your local police station.

Name:

Address:

Other contact details:

For other:

A small number of organisations did not know about the online tool

## What happens next?



We want to do research to see if we can work with Social Work Services and Carers to try to make sure more hate crimes are reported



We also want to make sure that organisations know what their role is as a **Third Party Reporting Centre**



There has to be a better way of knowing what organisations are **Third Party Reporting Centres**



Organisations who want to be **Third Party Reporting Centres** need to be able to have a private room for people to come in at any time to report a hate crime



We also want to make sure that everyone knows how to report a hate crime including primary school children

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Organisations that run a **Third Party Reporting Centre** should have more than 1 member of staff ready to support people who need to report a hate crime