

## Leicester City Council approach to Hate Crime

Neighbourhood Services & Community  
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### Background

The Home Office's 'Action Against Hate' report 2016 details:

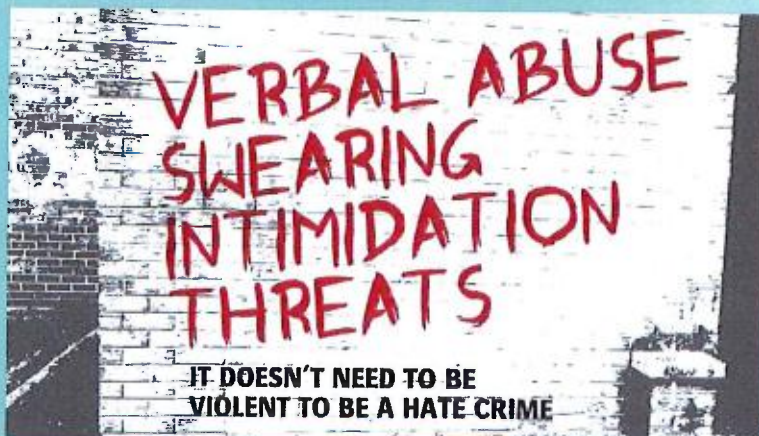
*'A crime that is motivated by hostility on the grounds of race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or transgender identity can be classed as a hate crime.'*

Within Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland we record incidents and crimes against these five categories, as well as including a category for 'any other perceived difference' in order to align with Leicestershire Police's recording of hate.

Detailed in the slide below are the differences between hate incidents and crimes.



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**Hate Incident** - any non-crime incident which is perceived by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by hostility or prejudice.

Some examples of hate incidents:

- A person is bullied or intimidated and perceives this behaviour as being motivated because of their disability.
- A person is experiencing rubbish being thrown into their garden and their driveway being blocked with parked cars and perceives that it is motivated by homophobia.

**Hate Crime** - any criminal offence which is perceived by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by hostility or prejudice.

Some examples of hate crime:

- An offender shouts racist abuse whilst physically assaulting a person.
- A Synagogue has swastika's painted on the door and windows smashed.



## Leicester City Hate Crime statistics

Reported Leicester, Leicestershire, Rutland Hate Crimes from December 2017 to November 2018.

Category of Hate Crime:	Number:
Race	1170
Sexual orientation	166
Religion	119
Disability	75
Transgender	35
Alternative sub culture	7
Total	1606

Reported Hate Crime by Leicestershire Police NPA (Leicester City has 56.5% of overall Hate Crime)

Neighbourhood Police Area:	Numbers of Hate Crimes / %
Central Leicester	260 (16.5%)
East Leicester	307 (19.5%)
Hinckley & Bosworth	171 (10.9%)
Charnwood	182 (11.6%)
North West Leicestershire	87 (5.5%)
Eastern Counties	89 (5.7%)
South Leicester	169 (10.8%)
West Leicester	306 (19.5%)



## LLR Strategy for tackling hate 2018/21

An LLR Hate Action Plan linked to the key themes and priorities has been developed for 2018-21. The actions within the plan are overarching and broad to meet the needs of our diverse communities across LLR.

### Themes:

The themes of this Strategy mirror the key themes within the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Police and Crime Plan 2017- 21, which include:

- To enhance Leicestershire Police's response to hate crime
- To improve user experience and increase satisfaction
- To support and influence the development of effective partnership working and campaigns



## LLR Strategy for tackling hate 2018/21

### Priorities:

The 2018-21 priorities for this strategy have been identified as:

- Raising awareness
- Improving our response, identifying and responding to emerging issues
- Re-assuring, strengthening and educating communities

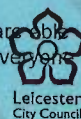


## Leicester City Council Motion 2018

"Leicester City Council resolves to:

- Affirm its commitment to total social harmony.
- Protect the rights of all our communities that make up our wonderful city of Leicester.
- Redouble our efforts to ensure fairness for all and work to eliminate hate from our communities.
- Encourage those who encounter hate crime to come forward and report it to the Police and/or the Council.
- Support further opportunities for people to come together and celebrate the diversity of the City.
- Remind all other organisations and institutions of the part they have to play in supporting community cohesion and combating hate crime.
- With partners prepare and consult upon an action plan to combat hate crime and promote community cohesion, which will include challenging Islamophobia and prejudice in all its forms and promoting positive images of groups vulnerable to stigmatisation by mainstream media.

We pledge our solidarity with the people of Leicester and will work with all who are able to support and help us in maintaining Leicester as a safe and secure place for everyone to live in and thrive in".



## Leicester City Council - service examples

Equality and Diversity - "Leicester City Council is committed to equality of opportunity, elimination of discrimination and promotion of good relations between all people, regardless of age, disability, race, ethnic or national origin, sex, gender identity, religion or belief, sexual orientation, pregnancy or maternity, marital or civil partnership status".

City Mayor's Crowdfund Initiative - The Community Engagement Fund aims to support projects that address the general aims of the Public Sector Equality Duty. £100,000 is being pledged to support crowdfunded community project bids.

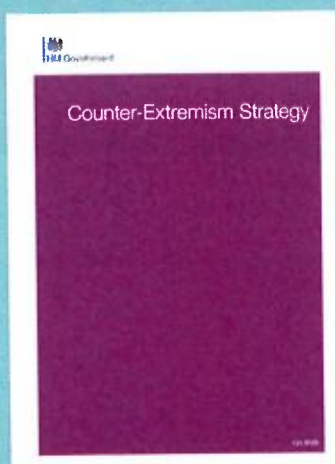
Education - Everyone's Welcome uses the 'No Outsiders' resource and framework to teach the Equality Act (2010) to Leicester primary school children.

Neighbourhood Services – African Caribbean Community Centre, Highfields Library, Beaumont Leys Library, Stocking Farm Community Centre



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## Counter-Extremism Strategy



- Countering extremist narrative
- Building a partnership with all those opposed to extremism
- Disrupting extremists
- Building cohesive communities



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## Community Coordinator role – ‘Building a Stronger Britain Together’ programme

- A programme of direct support, both in-kind and financial, to partners is available through an open and competitive bidding process.
- The BSBT programme supports civil society and community organisations who work to create more resilient communities, stand up to extremism in all its forms
- The programme will build mainstream voices, helping them to expand their reach and audience.
- Through competitive bidding rounds partners are able to bid into the Home Office for In-Kind Support (IKS) worth up to £75,000, or grant funding worth up to £50,000.

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## Campaigns

- The UK Government launched a new Hate Crime awareness campaign in October 2018.
- A series of posters and videos have been produced covering race, religion, disability, sexual orientation and transgender identity.



## How can people report a hate crime?

### Police

A person can report a hate incident or hate crime to Leicestershire Police by a number of ways

- In an emergency a person should always ring 999
- The non-emergency for the Police is 101
- A person can report on line by visiting [www.stamp-it-out.co.uk](http://www.stamp-it-out.co.uk)

Link to the main Force website:

<https://leics.police.uk/>

To Report a hate incident within Leicester City go to:

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-community/emergencies-safety-and-crime/hate-crime/>

To report a hate incident within the Leicestershire County visit:

[www.leics.gov.uk/reporthate](http://www.leics.gov.uk/reporthate) or call the County Hate Incident Monitoring Project on 0116 3058263 (during office hours)

