

Who are we?

The South Devon Diverse Communities Team consists of 1 x Police Sergeant and 2 x Police Constables. We are dedicated to raising awareness of hate crimes & hate incidents to increase understanding and encourage reporting. We can also assist members of our diverse communities in Torbay and South Devon by signposting them to support.

If you, your group, or organisation feel you would benefit from further information or an input from us, please get in touch: diversitydevon@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

So, what is a hate crime?

Hate crimes are any crimes that are targeted at a person or their property because of hostility or prejudice towards that person's:

- Disability
- Race or ethnicity
- Religion or belief
- Sexual Orientation
- Gender reassignment
- Sex
- Marriage and civil partnerships
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Age

Anyone can perceive a hate crime and the victim does not need to have the protected characteristic that is being attacked. It is the perception that the crime was motivated by prejudice towards a protected characteristic which is key.

A Hate incident is where the circumstances don't amount to a crime. Hate Incidents can feel like crimes to those who suffer them and sometimes escalate to crimes or tension within a community. The police can only prosecute offenders when the law is broken, but if reported we can work with partners to try and prevent any escalation in seriousness.

Hate crime reporting methods

In an emergency always dial **999**

E-mail: 101@dc.police.uk

Online: <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/reporthc>

If you are Deaf, hard of hearing or speech-impaired:

Emergency – SMS / text 999 or textphone / minicom 18000

(To use the Emergency SMS / text 999 your phone must be registered first. You can do this via www.emergencysms.org.uk)

Non-emergency – SMS / text 67101 or textphone / minicom 18001 101

Non-Emergency – if you are a BSL user you can register and use: www.signlive.co.uk



Zero tolerance to hate crime (ZTTHC)

The three key principles of this campaign are to:

- Promote an equal society to uphold the rights of everyone
- Foster good relations by promoting respect for each other and tackling prejudice
- Report any incidents of hate that are witnessed within your organisation / premises



By signing the digital pledge, an organisation can display the ZTTHC logo on their website, and access posters and stickers to display on their premises www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/sign-the-pledge

Social media

Facebook: Devon and Cornwall Police Diverse Communities Team

Twitter: @DCP_Diversity