



**POLICE
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HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK

Hate Crime

Perpetrators of hate crime focus on victimising individuals on the basis of actual or presumed sexual orientation, gender or transgender identity, disability, race or religion. The spectrum of hate crime is wide in nature and includes physical and emotional abuse and harassment, name calling, bullying and violence, and its impact on victims and communities should not be underestimated.

Police Scotland are running a Hate Crime Awareness campaign to communicate to the public that hate crime is a serious crime and to encourage the public to report incidents should they occur.

Our key messages are:

- Tackling hate crime is a key priority for Police Scotland.
- We treat victims and witnesses of hate crime with fairness, dignity and respect.
- We recognise that hate crime is underreported. We are working to improve confidence in, and access to, Police Scotland and our Criminal Justice partners.
- If you are targeting someone, we want you to STOP IT. If not it won't be long before you become our target.
- If you know someone that is being targeted REPORT IT. Together we can make a difference.
- Preventing/stopping hate crime is everyone's responsibility. If you are aware hate crime is happening, report it by contacting Crimestoppers.
- Being different isn't a crime, but somebody victimising you is.
- If you would like support to report, you can attend one of our third party reporting centres. A full list can be found on the Police Scotland website. You can also report by contacting Crimestoppers.

3rd Party Reporting Centres



In some cases victims or witnesses of Hate Crime do not feel comfortable reporting the matter directly to the Police and may be more comfortable reporting it to someone they are familiar with.

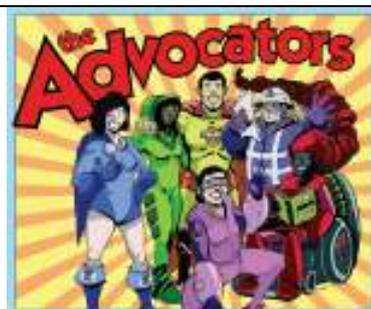
To ensure all victims/witnesses are able to report Hate Crimes, Police Scotland works in partnership with a wide variety of partners who perform the role of 3rd Party Reporting Centres. Staff within 3rd Party Reporting Centres have been trained to assist a victim or witness in submitting a report to the police and can make such a report on the victim/witnesses behalf.

Your closest 3rd Party Reporting Centre can be found at www.scotland.police.uk/contact-us/hate-crime-and-third-party-reporting

Other available methods of reporting hate crime include the following:

- The Online Hate Crime Reporting form which can be accessed through the above.
- By calling 101, or using 999 for emergency situations.
- At a Police Office or in person to a Police Officer.
- Through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Disability Hate Crime Comic



In conjunction with Dundee Comics Creative Space, Advocating Together (Dundee) has created a Disability Hate Crime Comic as a creative and fun method of communicating the hate crime message. This can be found at www.advocatingtogether.vpweb.co.uk/Disability%20hate%20crime%20comic%20web.pdf



Members of the public are consulted every year and the results, along with other analytical data, help to determine the policing priorities for the year ahead – both nationally and locally.

The 'Your View Counts' survey is available online and open all year round, allowing us to provide more meaningful feedback to communities as the year progresses, including the impact of hate crime on members of the public and our communities.

The survey can also be completed in hard copy and returned to Police Scotland for inclusion. An Easy Read version is also available, as are versions in languages other than English, including Polish.

To take part in the survey please visit www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/decision-making/public-consultation/local-policing-consultation.



Policing 2026 is a strategic programme, led jointly by the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) and Police Scotland, to transform policing in Scotland over the next 10 years.

It sets out how Police Scotland can address new and changing demands, including hate crime, and improve outcomes for people, communities and places by becoming a more flexible and adaptable workforce.

The strategy identifies the huge potential for new technology and new approaches to contribute to improved outcomes. By recognising that these are not decisions for policing to take in isolation, consultation on the strategy seeks to begin national discussion and debate.

The strategy is published in draft to allow the public and stakeholders to consider the issues raised through a period of consultation, so that views and feedback can be considered before a final strategy is approved and published by the summer.

WE WILL FOCUS ON

<p>1. Protection Based on threat, risk and harm.</p>	<p>2. Prevention Tackling crime, inequality and enduring problems facing communities.</p>	<p>3. Communities Focus on localism, diversity and the virtual world.</p>	<p>4. Knowledge Informing the development of better services.</p>	<p>5. Innovation Dynamic, adaptable and sustainable.</p>
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To read the strategy in full and take part in the consultation please visit www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/policing-2026.