

Hate Crime Forum

Newport's Hate Crime Forum is a multi-agency group under the [Safer Newport Partnership](#).

What is hate crime?

A hate crime incident is an offence motivated by the offender's hatred of people. This includes racism, homophobia, disablism, ageism, sexism, Islamaphobia etc or where the victim was chosen because they were seen to be vulnerable, or an 'easy target,' because of one of the protected characteristics e.g. young people, visually impaired people, LGBT people etc.

Who works with the Hate Crime Forum?

People from organisations and agencies in the field of health, police, criminal justice, probation, housing, youth services, refugee and asylum seekers, victim support, citizen's advice etc. come together in the Forum to tackle hate crime.

We work in the community and in schools so that people know that hate crime is not acceptable, we encourage people to report hate crime and we work with victims to support them.

If a problem is complicated or there have been repeat incidents we can hold a meeting where forum members work together to support the victim. We also look at our own practices to design services around people.

Reporting hate crime

Follow the link to the [Newport hate crime web page](#) (opens new website) or print off a Report Hate Crime Form and send it to SEWREC at the address below.

[English and Welsh](#) (pdf)

[English and Urdu](#) (pdf)

[English and Somali](#) (pdf)

[English and French](#) (pdf)

[English and Chinese](#) (pdf)

[English and Arabic](#) (pdf)

[Guidance for Council Staff](#) (pdf)

All hate crimes can be reported to Gwent Police on:

Telephone: 01633 838111

Textphone: 01633 877574

In an emergency telephone 999 or textphone 1800

What is a hate crime incident?

An incident may be physical, verbal or written, including:

- threatening a person
- touching or assaulting a person
- offensive language
- isolation from social events or activities
- offensive graffiti
- hate mail and offensive symbols
- harassment, bullying and victimisation

Hate crime incidents take different forms – disability related hate crime often involves attacks on property, religious motivated crime can effect religious institutions, homophobic verbal abuse is commonplace.

Who can report hate crime?

Anybody can report a hate crime including

- the victim
- a witness
- any other person, friend, partner, bystander etc. who believes an incident is motivated by hate or prejudice

Where should I send the form?

Please send the form to:

SEWREC (South East Wales Regional Equality Council)
St. David's House, 137 Commercial Street
Newport
NP20 1LN

What will happen next?

A person from Victim Support will contact you, if you want, to see how we can help you. You can make an anonymous report if you prefer.

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