

Hate Crime – Questions, Comments and Quotes from Reach members

- Make information about hate crime available in lots of different formats – audio, easy read, on the internet, posters in the community
- How do people in residential homes find out about hate crime and stay safe from abuse?
- What is being done to protect really vulnerable people – like older people with dementia?
- Do Challenge North Staffs link with Neighbourhood Watch schemes?
- Lots of people get bullied on buses. Who can help sort that out?
- I was picked on by another resident at my home. She had to move out because she was picking on me and threatening the staff as well.
- Sometimes people don't report things because they are frightened they will be hurt by the people committing the crime. Or they might not be believed by the police.
- What's the point in reporting it? They just get let off by the courts.
- People with a learning disability are an easy target because of the way they look and the way they act. They don't know what to do to protect themselves or keep themselves safe.
- Hate crime is worse because people are split away from the rest of society and difficult to be part of the community
- A lot of these crimes happen when people are drunk. What support do people get to stop drinking?
- Are reports of hate crime against disabled people really taken as seriously as they are for racial crimes?
- We should be able to teach people that we are all the same - we could work together to change how they feel and think.
- I went out at night and someone took my wallet. A police officer told me I shouldn't be out at night because I've got a learning disability.