



Presentation by Karen Flood From the National Forum on Hate Crime

Hate crime



Hate crime

- Hate crime against people with a learning disability is as serious as any other kind of hate crime
- It needs to be treated as a serious crime by people working in the Criminal Justice System



Hate crime

- Evidence shows that people with a learning disability are often the victims of hate crime more than others.
- When this happens, they are not often taken seriously by care staff and the police
- Because of this people with a learning disability do not report hate crime.



Hate crime can be



Physical attacks

Harassment

Threats

People doing things that frighten you

Bullying at school, college or place of work

Arson

Spitting or making insulting gestures

Hate crime



- **Quote**
- **When you are a person with a learning disability people don't always listen to you.**
- **Victims do not always report hate crime they don't always feel they can.**
- **Sometimes, if you do complain people don't always want to listen.**



What is bullying?

- **Bullying is when someone is hurt, intimidated or harassed by one person or a group of people.**
- **Bullying can be direct – physical or verbal, or indirect, for example, ignoring someone or not talking to them.**



How to make a complaint

- The police need to understand people with a learning disability
- Understand that they are scared and nervous.
- They don't know how to make a complaint.



The Police



- People who have a learning disability feel the police do nothing about their complaints
- People with a learning disability feel they are wasting their time going to the police
- They don't feel confident in the police



Police

- The police are working with people who have learning disabilities to enable them to feel safe within their community and their home.



Our Justice System

- In this country we have things called
- laws
- the police
- the courts
- These things are called our **justice system**.
- They should help everybody feel safe.
- It is everybody's right to feel safe.



Support for disabled people in court

We want to support disabled people and their families in court

- to make it as easy as possible for them.
- We want to support disabled people who are **victims** or **witnesses**.
- **Victims** are people that have had crime happen to them.
- **Witnesses** are people that have seen a crime happen.



Keeping records of disability hate crime

- We will keep a check on all cases of disability hate crime.
- This is so we can see if we are doing a good job and making the justice system fair for disabled people.



Thank You



- Any questions