



Hate Crime

The Race for Justice

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Where we are - National Performance

- 2005/6 the British Crime Survey showed a 22% fall in racist hate crime
- Same period sees 4% increase in reported Racist hate crime
- Police have improved their detection rates for racially or religiously aggravated offences, from 34% in 2003/4 to 38% in 2005/6

Where we are – Quality of Service

- 1993 Murder of Stephen Lawrence
- 2005 Murder of Anthony Walker
 - “The handling of the Anthony Walker prosecution has indeed set a standard which we can and surely must aim to achieve in all similar cases” - Baroness Scotland, Nov 2007
- 2005 Murder of Jody Dobrowski
 - "This is unacceptable. We cannot accept this. No intelligent, healthy or reasonable society could." – Dobrowski family statement 2006
- Significant under-reporting
- Many ‘Gaps’ in service

The Attorney General's Vision

- 'Hierarchy of Hate'
 - "I have heard arguments that say that by broadening our attention we dilute the effort to eradicate racism – I can not accept that argument. The same bigotry that fuels racism fuels other types of hate."
- Challenge to give consistently high Level of service
 - "We must seek to provide the same high degree of service to all hate crime victims. This must mean that all areas achieve the same high standard; I can assure you that I would never allow this to mean that our efforts to combat racism should be diluted in any way."
- Race for Justice Declaration

Race for Justice

- **Cross Governmental Strategy**
 - Co-ordinates activity
 - Delivery Group has strategic responsibility
 - Advisory Group delivers victim perspective
 - CJS Wide strategy - From the call Taker to the Judge
 - Links to Home Office and NOMS

Race for Justice – Key Themes

- Common Understanding
- Better training
- Equality of legislation
- Minimum standards
- Better Monitoring and recording
- Internal Abuse
- CDRP's
- Third Party Reporting

Common Understanding

- Consistency over strands
 - Monitored Hate Crime
 - Disability
 - Race
 - Religion
 - Sexual Orientation
 - Transgender
- Confusion over incidents/crimes/R&RA offences
 - CDRP Role - Recommendation 17 Stephen Lawrence Inquiry
 - Responsibility to collate, analyse and disseminate
 - Link to Community Cohesion

Monitoring

- APACS
 - **Intention** to measure;
 - Sanctioned detection rate
 - Offences brought to Justice
 - Comparison against BCS (To be broadened to all Hate Crime)
 - Victim Satisfaction
 - Number of cases that get enhanced sentence because of hate element (Case Tracking)
- ACPO NCTT
 - All monitored areas

Legislation

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 - 1998 – Racially or Religiously Motivated Offences
 - Restricted to Criminal Damage, Assault and Public Order
 - Section 145 and 146 Criminal Justice Act 2003
 - The court;
 - must treat that fact as an aggravating factor,
 - must state in open court that the offence was so aggravated.
- Future Legislation
 - Inclusion of Transgender Crimes in Section 146 ?
 - Incitement offences ?

Action Plan to 'Fill the gaps'

- Gypsy and Traveller Communities
- Asylum and Refugee communities
- Transgender Victims
- Disability Groups
 - Learning Disability
 - Mental Health
 - Brent Martin
 - Steven Hoskin
 - Christine Lakinski



Any Questions?

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