

# What is a Hate Crime?

Hate crimes and incidents are taken to mean any crime or incident where the victim, or any other person, believes it was carried out because of the victim's identity.

# Criminal Legislation identifies the following 5 strands as Hate Crimes

- Disability
  - Religion/faith/belief
- Race, ethnicity, nationality
  - Sexual Orientation
  - Gender Identity



A crime is defined as a criminal offence that is a perceived motivation of hostility towards a person because of who/what they are

An Incident is defined as any prejudice motivated by hostility towards a person because of who/what they are but does not breach criminal legislation

Its important that either need to be reported

# Why is it important that we do something?

- Attitudes – Brexit, terrorism, famous peoples open opinions
- Online hate
- Behaviours become the norm
- Impact of Hate Crime on individuals and societies



# Why don't people report?

- Didn't realise could report as a witness
- Don't want to get involved/fear things may get worse
- Not serious enough
- Negative past experiences
- Abuse becomes the norm
- Believe nothing will change



# How to report



- Police – 999 101 online
- Victim Support – 0800 1689 111
- Stop Hate UK – 0800 138 1625  
(24hr help line)

# What we are doing in Sutton

## **Collaborative Project with Victim Support, Stop Hate UK and Malookoo:**

To deliver Hate Crime awareness training – Police, Civil Enforcement Officers and Adult Social Care

## **Collaborative project with Community Action Sutton, Malookoo and Sutton Mencap to:**

- Develop Hate Crime Champions
- Work with colleges and schools to train trainers to deliver to their students
- Provide training to the community including housing providers, awareness events to members of the public

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