

Dear Members,

The Community Cohesion Unit are holding a Hate Crime roadshow on Friday 25th January 2008, 0900-1700 @ Sainbury's, Bretton Centre and if you are interested in knowing more about hate crime, or you want to speak to someone about hate crime then please come down. In attendance will also be City Council, Community Safety, Bretton Neighbourhood Policing Team and various other agencies.

HATE crimes can be more than just race related crimes. While understanding of race hate crime amongst force staff is high, we need to improve our knowledge of other types of hate crime according the results of a recent QAT inspection.

The inspection, carried out by Kent Police, found that staff all displayed high levels of knowledge over what constitutes race hate crime and how to deal sensitively with victims.

There are four other categories of hate crime which all staff should also make themselves familiar with.

Faith / religion -

Any crime or incident which is perceived to be based on prejudice towards, or hatred of, the faith of the victim or so perceived by the victim or any other person

Homophobic -

Any crime or incident, which is perceived to be homophobic by the victim or any other person

Gender / gender identity -

Any crime or incident which is perceived to be transphobic by the victim or any other person

Disability related incident -

Any incident which is perceived to be based upon prejudice towards or hatred of the victim because of their disability or perceived disability or when prejudice is perceived by the victim or any other person

Kind Regards,

The Orton Policing Team