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Report to PCC	Report reference number PCC/ 0081/15
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Title of report: Stop Hate UK - Stop Learning Disability Hate Crime Helpline	
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**1. Purpose of report**

To seek approval for the allocation of £3,200 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the CSF to Stop Hate UK, whose activities will contribute to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan for Essex.

**2. Recommendations**

Approve the allocation of the CSF grant to Stop Hate UK to make the LD support and reporting line available across Essex for 12 months from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015.

**3. Benefits of Proposal**

The Stop Learning Disability Hate Crime helpline provides reporting and support to anyone who is targeted or who witnesses Hate Crime motivated by hostility towards actual or perceived Learning Disability. The service provides support at the point of contact but also provides follow up either by letter, phone or email, as appropriate. Referrals are made to police and other support agencies, depending on the caller's needs. In addition Stop Hate UK provides an extra level of specialised support through a Learning Disability advocate who we can ensure that the caller has received the support needed.

Stop Hate UK will publicise the launch of this service from 1<sup>st</sup> October and will monitor and report on the phone line's use.

**4. Background and proposal**

People with Learning Disabilities can face barriers in reporting Hate Crimes for fear of not being believed; because they have become normalised to incidents; because they may be unable to report in a way that is accessible

and understandable to them or because they have a misunderstanding or mistrust of the police.

The funding to provide the Stop Learning Disability Hate Crime 24 hour reporting and support service, funded by the Ministry of Justice since January 2013, ended on 30th June 2015.

The funding of this service will ensure victims of LD hate crime across Essex are appropriately supported to cope and recover from their experience and the harm suffered.

**5. Police and Crime Plan**

This work links directly to the PCC's area of focus around reducing youth offending and all types of reoffending. This work also supports the PCC's aims around supporting victims of crime, improving collaboration and innovation through partnership working, and ensuring local solutions meet local problems, and all of these will be integral to the creation of this role.

**6. Police Operational Implications**

No operational implications

**7. Financial Implications**

The PCC would fund a £3,200 contribution to Stop Hate UK.

**8. Legal Implications**

No legal implications

**9. Staffing and other resource implications**

No resource requirements

**10. Equality and Diversity implications**

This service is targeted at those with Learning Disabilities to ensure where they are the victims of hate crime they receive the necessary support to cope and recover from their experience.

**Report Approval**

The report will be signed off by the Chief Executive and CFO and the PCC Solicitor where legal implications arise.

Assistant Director for Commissioning



**Decision**

I agree the recommendations to this report



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**PCC/Deputy PCC**

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because

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**Publication**

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