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Is hate crime included in the council's current Community Safety plan?

The CS Strategy states "Whilst this strategy focusses on delivering preventative and early intervention methods with the aim of building resilient communities, we will robustly challenge the corrosive effect of ASB, hate crime, intimidation and harassment that is often caused by a small minority of people."

Please see the following link: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/community-safety-antisocial-behaviour/edinburgh%E2%80%99s-joint-community-safety-antisocial-behaviour-strategy-2020-%E2%80%93-2023?documentId=13026&categoryId=20043>

Does the council have a separate hate crime plan/strategy?

No.

Does the council have a designated hate crime lead?

No

Does the council service facilitate or take part in any hate crime forums?

The Council facilitates a local Equalities Framework Forum for staff and Equalities partner EARN – it is not a hate crime specific forum, it addresses all forms of discrimination.

Does the Council have a designated hate crime information page on its website?

No, it has a page dedicated to the Equalities Framework, <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/equality-diversity-framework-2021-2025/4?documentId=13136&categoryId=20318>

There is also a Council page dedicated to advising people how to report antisocial behaviour and harassment <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/asb>

Does the Council facilitate hate crime reporting?

Police Scotland is the appropriate organisation for investigating crime including hate crime.

Does the Council have a budget for tackling hate crime? What is/was that budget?

No.

Does the council have access to hate crime resources?

No

Does the council refer victims of hate crime to independent advice and support services?

Yes, Victim Support and Police Scotland

Is the council planning to participate in National Hate Crime Awareness Week 2022 (8-16 October)?

Not known at this time

Has the council participated in previous National Hate Crime Awareness weeks?

In 2018, South West Family and Household Support Service, through the Local Community Improvement Partnership, coordinated with Police Scotland a community event with the voluntary sector