

59496 Hate Crime Research 2025

We want to explore how the UK hate crime sector has changed over the last three years.

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

Yes (if yes can you send us a pdf copy of the Community Safety plan?)

No

Don't know

Yes. This plan is currently under review.

A link to the 'Edinburgh's Joint Community Safety Strategy 2020- 2023' is provided below.

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/28334/edinburgh-s-joint-community-safety-strategy-2020-to-2023>)

In terms of Education, Hate Crime is covered in the 'Preventing and Responding to Bullying and Prejudice' procedure – 'Preventing and Responding to Bullying and Prejudice Amongst Children and Young People':

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/36513/anti-bullying-and-prejudice-procedure-education->

This policy is also currently under review following the publication of revised national guidance.

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

Yes (if yes can you send us a pdf copy of the hate crime plan/strategy?)

No

Don't know

No. However, it is referenced as part of our Antisocial Behaviour Policy which is published on our Policy Register at:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory-record/1146106/antisocial-behaviour-policy>

Does the council have a designated hate crime lead?

Yes (if yes – can you provide contact details so we can contact them)

No

Don't know

No

There is no designated Hate Crime lead for the City of Edinburgh Council.

In terms of Education, there is no designated Hate Crime lead.

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

Yes (if yes – can you list the names of the council forums that the police service facilitates or takes part in)

Local: yes/no (if yes, provide details)

Regional: yes/no (if yes, provide details)

National: yes/no (if yes, provide details)

Other: (if yes, provide details)

No

Don't know

Yes - Education has been represented on a Hate Crime Working Group linked to the Council's interim Equality Outcomes:

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s89303/6.1 Business Bulletin.pdf>

This group was led by Policy and Insight and included partner agencies, e.g. Police Scotland.

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

Yes (if yes – please can you provide the URL link?)

No

Don't know

Yes. This is published on our website at:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/emergencies-safety-crime/hate-crime>

Does the Council facilitate hate crime reporting?

Yes

3rd party reporting sites

Helpline

others (please detail)

No

Don't know - links on website: yes/no

Yes – Third-party reporting

In terms of Education, where an incident between pupils may be a Hate Crime, this is reported to Police Scotland. This is usually through the School Liaison Officer.

Does the Council have a budget for tackling hate crime?

What is/was that budget?

2022/23:

2023/24:

2024/25:

No

Does the council have access to hate crime resources?

Yes (if yes – please can you send us pdf copies of them?)

report cards

leaflets

posters

badges

pens

t-shirts

Other: (please detail)

No

Don't know

Yes. In terms of Education, Police Scotland School Liaison Officers deliver Hate Crime sessions for young people in secondary schools annually to specific year groups.

Some schools may use other resources, e.g. The Ground We Share awareness courses:

<https://www.thegroundweshare.com/awareness-course>

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

Yes

Crimestoppers

Stop Hate UK

Victim Support

Victim Support Northern Ireland

The Community Security Trust (National Organisation for Jewish victims)

TELL MAMA (National Organisation for Muslim Victims)

The Monitoring Group

GATE Herts (A national reporting service)

Galop (National organisation supporting LGBT+ victims)

East European Resource Centre (EERC)

other – can you provide a list of independent advice and support services, the police service refers to.

No

Don't know

Yes. Our Antisocial Behaviour Policy states – “to encourage reporting of Hate Crime, a number of Third-Party Reporting Centres are being established across community-based locations in Edinburgh, including local Council neighbourhood offices. Victims of Hate Crime are encouraged to report their experiences at those Centres using the Third-Party Reporting facility. The Centres will include dedicated staff members who are especially trained to receive reports of Hate Crime in a sensitive and professional manner. The Centres will provide assistance and advice to victims and ensure that they have access to appropriate support services.”

In terms of Education, schools would report potential incidents of Hate Crime to Police Scotland.

Schools may share information about independent advice and support services with pupils and families, depending on their need, e.g. Edinburgh and Lothians Regional Equality Council (ELREC), Multi-Cultural Family Base (MCFB), Passion4Fusion, SCORE Scotland, LGBT Youth Scotland.

Did the council participate in National Hate Crime Awareness Week 2025?

Yes (if yes – can you tell us what the council did?)

No

Don't know

No. There is no proactive internal communications recorded recognising Hate Crime Awareness Week. We have not recognised Hate Crime Awareness Week on our external communications channels either.

There was no centrally organised participation by our schools.

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

Yes (if yes – please can you tick the years that the police service has taken part in the national week):

2022

2023

2024

No

Don't know

No. As set out above, there are no such records held.