

Police definition of a Hate crime & non-crime hate incidents (NCHI)

Hate crime comes in many different forms and strikes at the heart of communities. As strategic partners, we have a statutory obligation to keep all our communities safe in Telford, Shropshire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire and to prevent Hate Crime from occurring.

The following definitions are used by police services in England & Wales and the Crown Prosecution Service.

A hate crime is defined as

'Any criminal offence which is perceived by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by hostility or prejudice based on a person's race or perceived race; religion or perceived religion; sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation; disability or perceived disability and any crime motivated by hostility or prejudice against a person who is transgender or perceived to be transgender.'

A non-crime hate incident is defined as

Any incident where a crime has not been committed, but where it is perceived by the reporting person or any other person that the incident was motivated by hostility or prejudice based on a person's race or perceived race; religion or perceived religion; sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation; disability or perceived disability and any crime motivated by hostility or prejudice against a person who is transgender or perceived to be transgender.'

NCHIs are recorded by the police to collect information on 'hate incidents' that could escalate into more serious harm or indicate heightened community tensions, but which do not constitute a criminal offence.

