


# Learning Disability Development Fund (LDDF)

Progress report



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<p><b>Name of project:</b> Partnership Community Safety Team , Brighton &amp; Hove City Council</p>	<p><b>Partnership Community Safety Team</b></p>
<p><b>Project Lead:</b> Nahida Shaikh Community Safety Manager</p>	
<p><b>Sub Group overseeing project:</b> Taking Part In The City Sub Group</p>	
<p><b>Project Targets from original bid:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Numbers of disability hate incidents reported.</li><li>➤ Monitor number of people receiving casework support, monitor and prioritise repeat victims.</li><li>➤ Publicity campaign and / or event.</li><li>➤ Successful case outcomes</li><li>➤ 6 reporting centres</li><li>➤ 10 training sessions</li><li>➤ Monitoring number of casework panel meetings and number of cases discussed.</li></ul>	
<p><b>How the project will do this work:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ A strategy and action plan to reduce and tackle disability hate incidents.</li><li>➤ Develop accessible information and accessible reporting</li><li>➤ Increase reporting of disability hate incidents in general and particularly from people with learning disabilities.</li><li>➤ Increase access to casework support and other mainstream support services to achieve positive legal and civil outcomes in reported cases.</li><li>➤ By working in partnership with key agencies improve responses to the disability hate incidents.</li><li>➤ Produce regular reports on levels, trends and patterns of disability hate incidents.</li></ul>	

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- Promote greater understanding of hate incidents against people with learning disabilities.

**How much 2010/11 LDDF money the project got: £5,000**

**Name of person completing this report:**

Nahida Shaikh, Community Safety Manager

**What the project has done in the period April 2010 – March 2011:**

## Strategy & Action Plan

1. We lead on developing a **shared strategy** and an action plan to reduce hate incidents (racist, religiously motivated, homophobic, transphobic, and disability hate incidents). We recognise that Disability hate incidents are under-reported and that we need to monitor if disabled people are reporting all forms of hate incidents.

We revise this strategy and action plan every year, so we now have a new strategy for the 2011 – 2014. Hate incidents against people with learning disabilities is integrated within the strategy. This strategy is published on-line at: <http://www.safeinthecity.info/>



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## Steering Group

2. We have set up a steering group to help us develop our work and oversee the Disability Hate Incident Strategy and Action Plan. We have regular meetings every three months and disabled people attend these meetings.
- Through the steering group we have been consulting key partners including disabled people on the strategy, publicity material, reporting forms and much of our work.

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### Publicity Campaign

3. We have developed and launched a campaign to encourage disabled people, their family, and their carers to report hate incidents. We have developed three posters; one poster is of a local young woman who has learning disabilities and Down's syndrome.
4. We launched the campaign on 04/03/11 at the Safeguarding adults' conference and this was reported in many newspaper (Argus) and magazines (City News, Homing In, and G Scene).
5. The posters are shown in the theatre (Odeon Cinema washroom on the West Street), at all our reporting centres, and will also be at other public places. The posters also tell people not to pick on disabled people.
6. We have also created an easy read leaflet for people to tell them what is disability hate incidents, how to report, and how we can support.
7. We made the posters and leaflet after a lot of consultation with disabled people.
8. We plan to launch these at events for people with learning disabilities in future.



### Reporting Forms

9. The Hate Incident Report Form, are being used by agencies in Brighton & Hove and you can download it from the Council website.
10. True Vision easy read self-reporting form that people with learning disabilities can complete with their carers or support staff to report hate incidents is now available to you.



**Disability hate crime**

### Reporting Centres

- 11.11 organisations supporting disabled people have agreed to work as reporting centres, 8 of which work specifically with people with learning disabilities and others support all disabled people.
- We have delivered training to some of their staff. We will continue to deliver more training and will be developing guidance for the reporting centres soon. We give information about the reporting centres along with the form and will also put this information on our website [www.safeinthecity.info](http://www.safeinthecity.info)

### Information Sharing

12. The Research and Monitoring officer of the PCST receives information from the CPS and the Police about disability hate incidents. We have had four successful cases in the court (out of five until December 2010)
13. We continue to work with Safeguarding Adults Board to make sure that they report disability hate incidents and share information with us. We will also add some guidance in their procedures.

### Monitoring / Database

14. We have commissioned a database to enable us to accurately and efficiently record disability hate incidents and also monitor how many disabled people or carers are reporting hate incidents.

### Reports on Levels of Disability Hate Incident

15. We continue to monitor the numbers of hate incidents in the city and produce regular reports. These reports are sent to the LDPB and Taking Part in the city subgroup. They are also available to download from the safe in the city website.
16. Of the 33 cases reported to us, 6 were about incidents against people with a learning disability. Please see the separate annual report for 2010-11.

### Information & Promoting Understanding

17. We have created information on the council, Safe In The City and the LDPB websites about the disability hate incidents, how to report it, and support services available.

Council website

<http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/index.cfm?request=c1204774>

Safe In the city Website

[http://www.safeinthecity.info/?q=priorities/disability\\_hate\\_crime](http://www.safeinthecity.info/?q=priorities/disability_hate_crime)

18. We held a number of information stalls to tell people about how to report hate incidents and how we can support, we gave out a lot of easy read information and the reporting packs at:

- The Learning Disabilities Partnership Board meeting which was held at Hove Town Hall in November 2010.
- The Community Learning Disability Team conference which was held at Hove Town Hall in January 2011.

### Training & Presentations

19. We have delivered training to organisations that support people with Learning Disabilities about community safety in general and also about hate incidents.

- One member of our team delivered training to the Taking Part In The City group in October 2010.
- One member of our team did a presentation at the Learning Disabilities Partnership Board meeting which was held at Hove Town Hall in November 2010
- One member of our team delivered two lots of training to staff at the Community Learning Disability Team conference which was held at Hove Town Hall in January 2011.
- One member of our team did a presentation and answered questions for staff working at the Francis Taylor Foundation in March 2011
- We are also working with staff at City College to see if we can deliver training to young adults with learning disabilities as part of their course.
- We wrote about a successful case in which a man with learning disabilities was harassed and with our support and by working with other agencies we were able to stop the harassment. We have been

using this case study at training and presentation to make people aware of what success looks like.

### **Case Referrals & Casework Support**

**20.** We have received reports about 33 incidents in the period April 2010 – March 2011.

**21.** We have offered casework support to all people who reported incidents; we send a letter and also call people to ask if they want caseworkers to help them solve the incident. We have worked with the police and other agencies to take action against the people that cause the incidents.

### **Case meetings**

**22.** On cases that are complicated we arrange to have case meetings with other workers and agencies who are involved in the situation. For example, the Police, or a Housing Officer, or a Key Worker.

We work together to find the best solution for the service user and ask them if this is ok. If they agree with what is suggested then we will make it a plan to help solve the incident.