


Learning Disability Development Fund (LDDF)

Progress report



<p>Name of project: Partnership Community Safety Team , Brighton & Hove City Council</p>	<p>Partnership Community Safety Team</p>
<p>Project Lead: Nahida Shaikh Senior Racial Harassment Caseworker</p>	
<p>Sub Group overseeing project: Taking Part In The City Sub Group</p>	
<p>Project Targets from original bid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ At least 6 reporting centres to be created in 2009 – 2010.➤ At least 10 training sessions organised in a year.➤ Monitoring number of casework panel meetings.➤ Monitoring number of cases discussed in the casework panel.➤ Numbers of disability hate incidents reported.	
<p>How the project will do this work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ A strategy and action plan to reduce and tackle disability hate incidents.➤ Increase reporting of disability hate incidents in general and particularly from people with learning disabilities.➤ Increase access to casework support and other mainstream support services to achieve positive legal and civil outcomes in reported cases.➤ By working in partnership with key agencies improve responses to the disability hate incidents.➤ Produce regular reports on levels, trends and patterns of disability hate incidents.➤ Promote greater understanding of hate incidents against people with learning disabilities.	

How much 2009/10 LDDF money the project gets: £11,100

Name of person completing this report:

Nahida Shaikh, Senior Racial Harassment Caseworker

What the project has done in April through July 2009:

Disability hate incident is a new area of work for this team. Focus of initial work has therefore been on developing links, identifying needs and carrying out developmental work.

Disability Strategy & Action Plan

1. We have written a Disability Hate Incident Strategy. This strategy is published on-line at the following location. Pages 50 – 58 deal with the disability hate incidents.

<http://www.safeinthecity.info/files/Community%20Safety%20Strategy%202008-11.pdf>

Safe in the city is the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) website. Hate incidents against people with learning disabilities is integrated within the strategy. According to the national best practice recommendations the disability hate incident strategy is being led by the CDRP.

2. We have written an action plan to tell people in detail what work will be done to achieve the objectives in the strategy. We are seeking agreements from the key agencies about actions they will undertake as part of this strategy.



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Consultation & Raising Awareness

3. We are consulting on the strategy and the action plan with Key partners. We have been developing links with organisations working with disabled people. People consulted so far are:
 - Learning Disability Partnership Board
 - Equalities and Inclusion Team of the council
 - Children and Young People's Trust
 - Adult Social Care
 - Housing Management & Strategy
 - Integrated Learning Disability Team
 - The consultation with disabled people and their organisations is ongoing.

4. We attended the Taking Part in the City subgroup's stall at the Adult Social Care & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 07/05/09. We shared information about the strategy and the action plan with the elected members, housing and other organisations.

5. We held an information session with the Learning Disability Partnership Board on 20/07/09.
 - We consulted people on the strategy & the action plan.
 - We also delivered a small training session to discuss what is disability hate incident.
 - Distributed easy to read material about disability hate incident.
 - Issues around barriers to reporting were raised at the meeting.

Information & Promoting Understanding

6. 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



Training & Presentations

7. We have delivered training to people with Learning Disability (one session to one of the groups of Brighton & Hove Speak Out) about community safety in general. We had invited one of our police colleagues to jointly deliver this training. We also handed out community safety information in an easy to read format to the group members and gave other information to the 'Speak Out'. We are waiting to confirm another date to deliver a second training session.
8. We have also delivered training to the Housing Options Team; disability hate incident was included in the training along with other hate incidents.

Steering Group

9. We have identified a number of people to be on the steering group and help us develop our work. Most of the people have agreed to be part of this group. Some still have to consent and the group will have its first meeting soon.

Information Sharing

10. The Research and Monitoring officer of the PCST has been regularly requesting data from the CPS and the Police to monitor disability hate incidents.
11. We have also raised the issue of correct and early identification of incidents and crimes as disability hate incidents with the Sussex Police and the CPS. Both the organisations have agreed to brief their staff members and we are looking into the training needs.

Reporting Forms

12. The Sussex Police have developed a new Hate Incident Report Form, which enables them to identify and report disability hate incidents to the caseworkers at the Partnership Community Safety Team. We have suggested changes on this form to obtain breakdown of type of disability and are still working to make changes to the form.



13. The Hate Incident Report Form will be discussed at the steering group to see if it is fit for purpose, if we want to make any changes and with those developments the form will be used in Brighton & Hove as the Multi-agency reporting form.

Case Referrals & Casework Support

14. We have received one incident through the police through the Hate Incident report form. We have also received a second case directly through the Racial Harassment Forum.

15. We have offered casework support to both the clients.

Monitoring / Database

16. We are still working to create a central database to record disability hate incidents.

Reports on Levels of Disability Hate Incident

17. As we have received only two reports, we do not have sufficient data to produce any statistical reports.

18. One of the reported incidents was against a person with physical disability; the second was against a person with learning disability. Victims of both reported incidents were young men. Ethnicity of the victims of reported incident is: Black African and Other. The type of incidents included verbal abuse, harassment and unfair treatment. The incidents occurred on the streets and at other locations.

Reporting Centres

19. We have secured commitment from a few organisations that they would like to be reporting centres. Further work can be done once the reporting forms have been finalised.