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### About the conference

The Macpherson Inquiry into the racist murder of the black teenager Stephen Lawrence laid the groundwork for the legal recognition of racist hate crime. In the years that followed, laws recognising hate crime on the basis of religion, sexual orientation and disability came into existence, albeit with differences among the three countries of Great Britain. In addition, policy and practice developments vary, being more advanced in relation to particular types of hate crime than others. The evidence base for the more recently recognised types of hate crime is also at an embryonic stage. These represent significant challenges to our ability to tackle hate crime effectively.

There is increasing recognition that policy and practice on hate crime requires appreciation of the fact that victims and offenders have multiple identities. There are limits to the current 'equality strand-specific' approach to tackling hate crime. There is parallel recognition that effective redress and prevention requires partnership working across different agencies and organisations. Hate crime is not merely the responsibility of criminal justice agencies.

This conference explores the challenges and opportunities for taking effective action by bringing together the latest evidence, policy and practice developments across different sectors and countries.

### Outcomes

- Clear understanding of the definition of 'hate crime' and 'hate incident'.
- Understanding the 'waves of hurt' beyond the individuals and groups being targeted, and hence the compelling case for action.
- Awareness of the latest evidence base, particularly relating to the types of hate crime that have been recognised by law more recently. Attendees will have a better understanding of the evidence relating to prevalence, impact, motivations, experiences of and barriers to reporting and redress, and more.
- Awareness of what the government and key criminal justice agencies are doing to tackle hate crime in terms of victims and offenders.
- Awareness of the role that other non-criminal justice agencies and organisations can do to tackle hate crime.
- Awareness of key resources available to support them.
- Building networks, learning from experiences and practice across different sectors and devolved jurisdictions.

### The conference aims to:

- present the latest evidence to inform action
- explore how efforts to tackle hate crime can take into account multiple identities
- clarify what key statutory agencies are doing, the resources available, and the role of other organisations
- encourage the sharing of practice and experience.

### Who should attend?

- Police forces and authorities in England, Wales, and Scotland
- Those working in or with
  - community cohesion, community safety, crime and disorder reduction partnerships
  - community and public engagement
  - local authorities
  - criminal and community justice, and access to justice
  - housing sector (eg. housing associations, supported housing, etc)
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# Programme

9.30am Registration

10.00am **Welcome and introduction**

Chair: **Professor John Pitts** *Editor, Safer Communities*

10.10am **Keynote address**

**Paul Giannasi** *Police Superintendent, Office for Criminal Justice Reform*

- What is hate crime?
- Key developments within the UK
- How the UK compares internationally
- Some key actions and challenges
- What the police are doing about it

**Questions**

10.45am **Session 1: Context and evidence**

**Should we continue to use the term 'hate crime' as a label for the crimes so-labelled? An evidence-informed critique, and implications for policy and practice.**

**Dr Paul Iganski** *Director of Postgraduate Research, Department of Applied Social Science, Lancaster University*

**Evidence on disability hate crime**

**Dr Chih Hoong Sin** *Principal, OPM*

**Evidence on homophobic hate crime**

**Derek Munn** *Public Affairs Director, Stonewall*

**Questions**

12.00pm Refreshments

12.15pm **Session 2: What the Government and criminal justice agencies are doing to tackle hate crime**

**Cross Government Hate Crime Action Plan**

**Alex Hurst** *Hate Crime Policy Lead, Home Office*

**Hate Crime Annual Report and actions by the CPS**

**Joanna Perry** *Prosecution Policy Advisory, Equality and Diversity Unit, Crown Prosecution Service*

**Interventions targeting offenders**

**Liz Dixon** *Hate Crime Co-ordinator, London Probation*

**Questions**

1.30pm Lunch

2.30pm **Session 3 (part one): The role of other agencies and organisations, and the sharing of experiences and practice**

**Small group-based discussion, followed by wider debate**

**Rose Simkins** *Chief Executive, Stop Hate UK*

**Stephen Brookes** *MBE Blackpool Hate Crime Network and* **Andy Dival** *Manager, Faith Equality and Diversity, Blackpool Council*

3.15pm Refreshments

3.30pm **Session 3 (part two): The role of other agencies and organisations, and the sharing of experiences and practice**

**Small group-based discussion (with attendees encouraged to sit in a different group from the previous session) followed by wider debate**

**Mark Williams** *Combating Hate Co-ordinator, Safer Wales*

**Dr Tim Hopkins** *Policy Co-ordinator, Equality Network (Scotland)*

4.15pm **Chair's summary of the day**

4.30pm Conference close

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