



## **Durham Police and Crime Panel**

**24<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

### **Hate Crime**

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## **Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive**

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### **Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To provide Members of the Police and Crime Panel with supporting information on a presentation to the Panel's meeting on the approach to tackle Hate Crime.

### **Background**

- 2 At its meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014, the Panel considered and responded to a refresh of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan. Tackling Hate Crime is a personal priority identified by the Commissioner within both the refreshed and previous Police and Crime plan.
- 3 The Panel's response to the Commissioner noted the harrowing effect hate crime can have upon its victims and that this is often predicated by ignorance and prejudice and would encourage greater education as an element to address hate crime. Within its response the Panel requested a specific report on activity to address hate crime.
- 4 Following a Hate Crime Seminar in April 2013, hosted by the Commissioner a County Durham and Darlington Hate Crime Action Group was established. The Group is chaired by Chief Superintendent Graham Hall and working with partners, agencies and volunteers is developing a Hate Crime Action Plan that covers the following work streams;
  - Accuracy of police recording for hate incidents
  - Satisfaction survey
  - Networks 'Safe places'
  - Support services network
  - Communication strategy
  - Community education – Increased awareness hate incidents
  - Community Hands Project (volunteer support for hate crime victims)
- 5 Within this context, a presentation will be provided to Members outlining actions and activity of the group on the above areas and feedback following a second Hate Crime seminar held in June 2014 that included presentations

from paralympian Stephen Miller, Show Racism the Red Card, Victim Support and work of volunteers within the action group.

### **Recommendation**

- 6 That the Police and Crime Panel asked to note information contained within the report and presentation and comment accordingly.

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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**Finance – None**

**Staffing – None**

**Risk – None**

**Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – None**

**Accommodation – None**

**Crime and Disorder –** Information within the report is focused on tackling hate crime.

**Human Rights – None**

**Consultation – None.**

**Procurement – None**

**Disability Issues – None**

**Legal Implications – None**