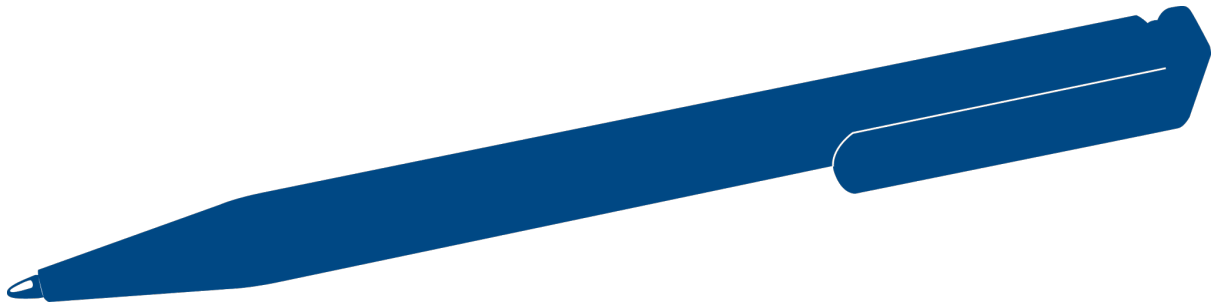


Hate Crime in North Somerset

Report analysing the results of the North Somerset Hate Crime Survey 2016



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Introduction

We, the members of RHINS (Responding to Hate Incidents North Somerset), have known for many years that hate crime in North Somerset was under-reported and that most victims are suffering in silence.

In an attempt to find out more information, the North Somerset Hate Crime Survey 2016 was devised by the Research & Campaigns Officer of Citizens Advice North Somerset (CANS), one of the members of the RHINS.

Method

The survey was produced for use in Hate Crime Awareness Week (HCAW) 2016 which took place in October 2016. The survey is in 2 sections. The first section is about the experience of Hate Crime and the second section is about the characteristics of the person taking part. The survey was initially designed as an online survey which could be emailed out and also accessed from the hate crime pages of the NSC website, but it was also available as hard copy for use on our stand at the Town Hall and when we were out and about on the MAVIS bus during the week. A large number of paper forms were completed by students at Hans Price Academy and Churchill Academy. We also invited clients at CANS to fill in a form when they came to the office in the weeks following HCAW. A copy of the survey is attached at Appendix 1.

The survey was initially designed so that only one answer to each question could be selected, but we quickly discovered that people were ticking multiple answers on the paper form and so we altered the online form to allow multiple answers.

All of the data from the paper forms was input into the database so that it could be merged with the online responses, thanks to sterling work from North Somerset People First and CANS.

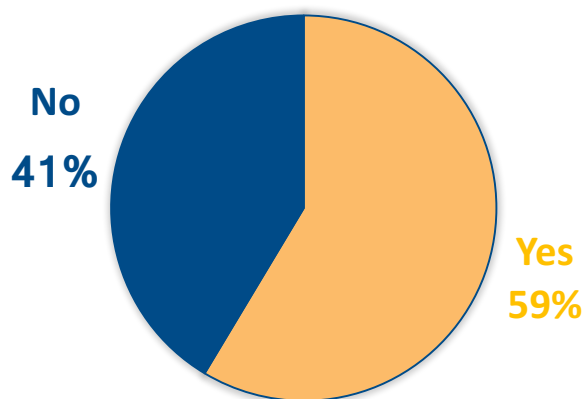
Results

We had 325 responses to the survey. Because of the interest shown by Hans Price Academy and Churchill Academy, 160 of these were from students under 16. The demographics of the respondents are shown at Appendix 2.

The results are broken down by the questions asked in the survey. Any “Not applicable” responses have been removed from the totals.



Do you know how to report a hate crime?

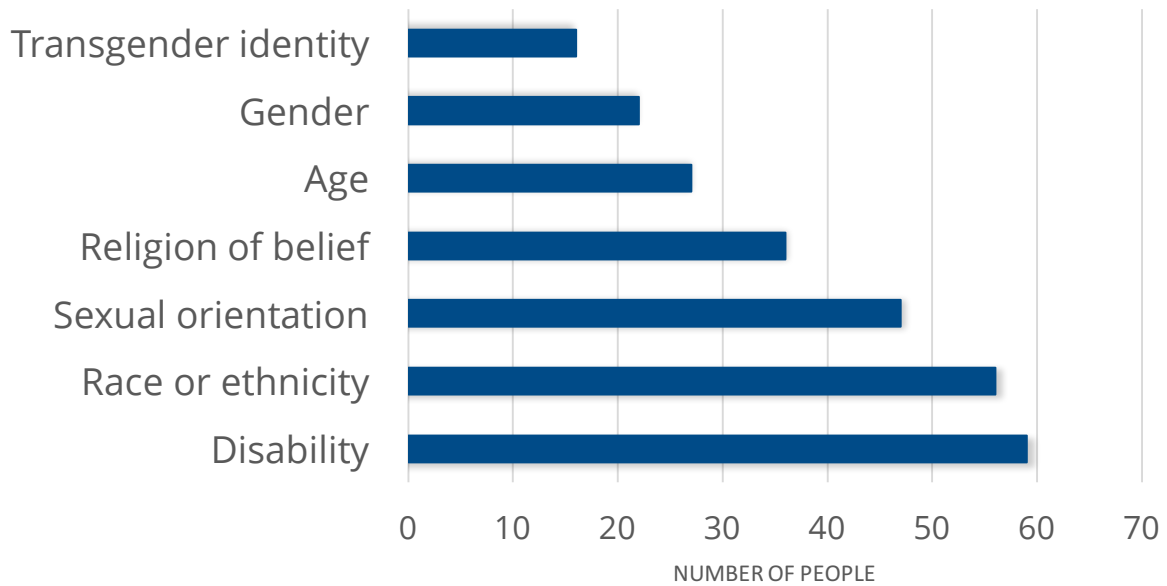


Who suffered the abuse and did it happen in North Somerset?

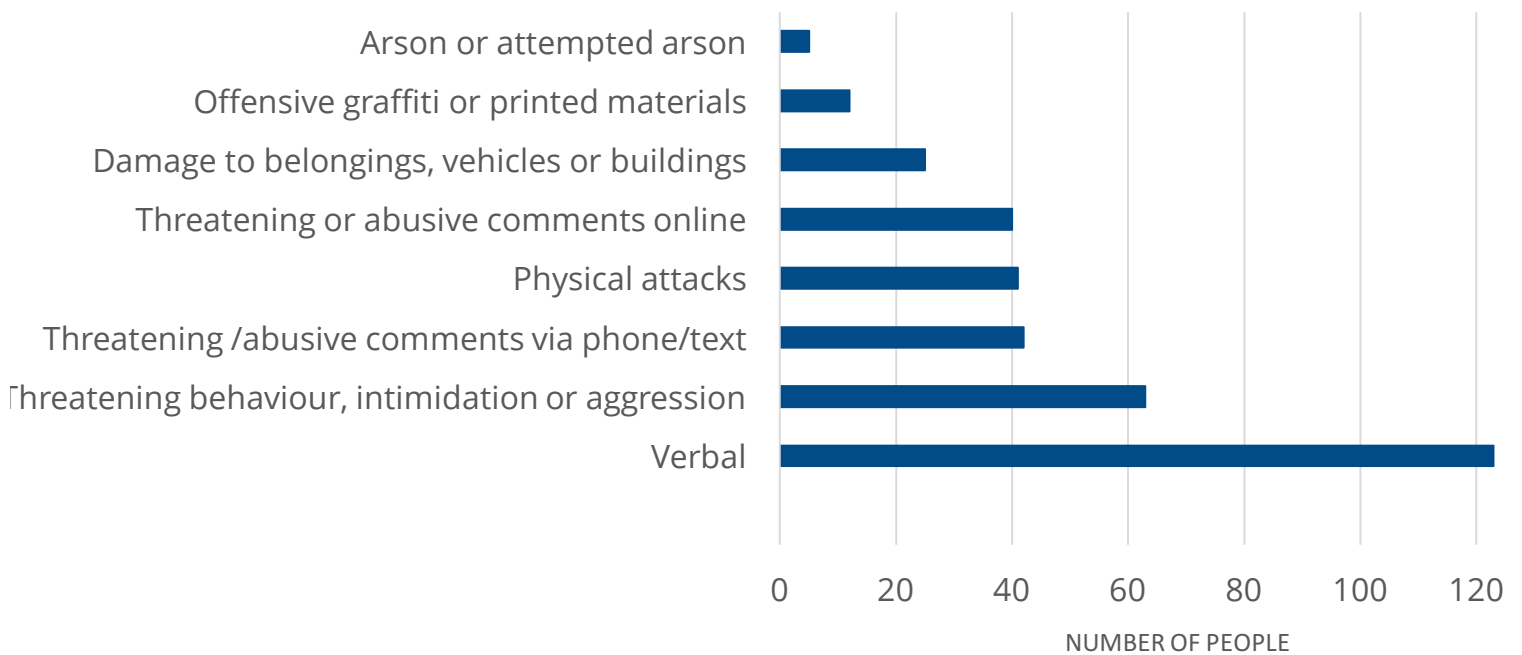
Of the people who answered that they had experience of hate crime, 60 said they had experienced it themselves, 110 said that someone else experienced it. 119 respondents said that the abuse had happened in North Somerset, 36 reported the abuse happened elsewhere.



What the hate crime was in respect of (race, disability etc)

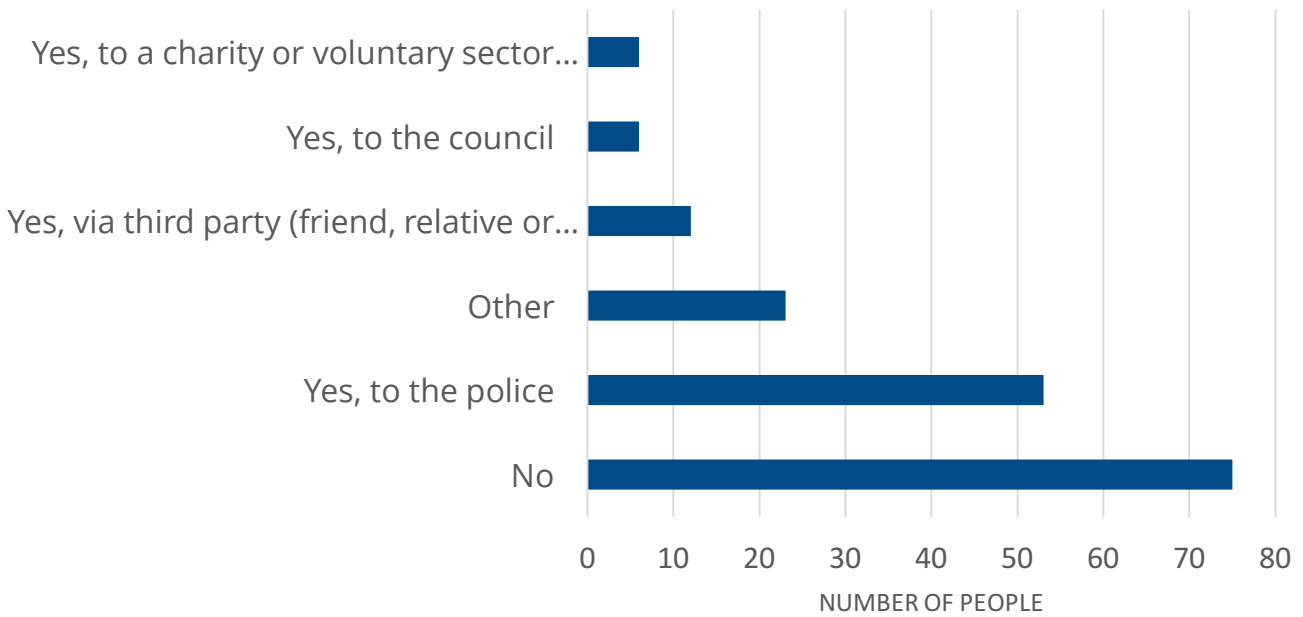


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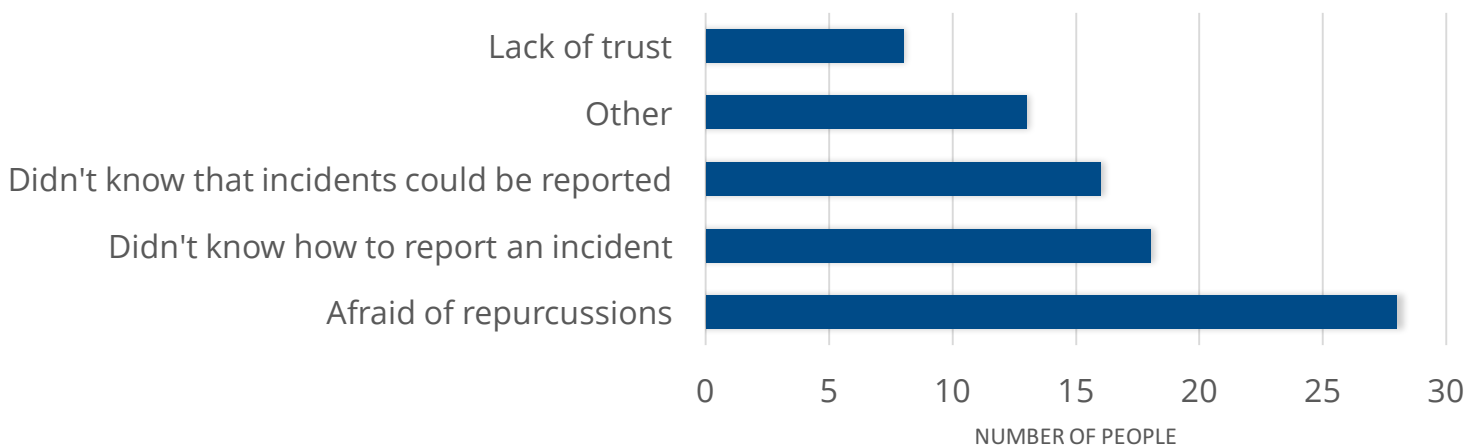




Was the abuse reported?



If not reported, why not?





How could we improve hate crime reporting?

More Publicity

- "Coordinated awareness campaign to target all media channels: radio, tv, print, social"
- "More posters and leaflets around college and the community to tell us what to do"
- "make it easier to talk to someone about it. i.e showing a number to text/call and advertise more"

More awareness

- "by giving the relevant agencies more/better training and understanding of the issues, ie what it is to be a minority...."
- "Make victims feels that they're not at fault and their options to report easier"
- "by making people aware of different hate crimes so they know what they can and can't report"

More accessibility

- "Regular surgeries could be held"
- "By creating a designated call center or website"



Recommendations and further opportunities

- Repeat the survey as part of Hate Crime Awareness Week 2017
- Some of the questions from the survey could be put into future North Somerset Council Residents Survey to ensure a representative sample
- Compare findings relating to type of hate crime reason and type of abuse with police and council records
- Establish improvements to ensure more people know that a hate crime can be reported, and how
- Establish a method to investigate how fear of repercussions as a barrier to reporting hate crime can be overcome

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Survey

North Somerset Hate Crime Survey 2016

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this short survey. Your answers will be used to help organisations in North Somerset understand how to best deal with hate crime. The survey is completely anonymous and should take no longer than five minutes to complete.

In your own words, what do you think a hate crime is?

Your answer

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Do you know how to report a hate crime?

- Yes No

Have you, or someone you know, suffered any abuse in the past three years because of:

- disability race or ethnicity
- religion or belief sexual orientation
- transgender identity age
- gender N/A
- Other :

What type of abuse?

- verbal
- threatening behaviour, intimidation or aggression
- threatening or abusive comments via phone or text
- threatening or abusive comments online
- damage to belongings, vehicles or buildings
- offensive graffiti or printed materials
- arson or attempted arson
- physical attacks
- N/A
- Other:

Who suffered the abuse?

- Yourself
- Someone else
- N/A

Did the abuse happen in North Somerset?

- Yes
- No
- N/A

Was the abuse reported?

- No
- Yes, to the police
- Yes, to the council
- Yes, to a charity/voluntary group/ other agency
- Yes via a third party (friend, relative or
- Other
- N/A

If you did not report the abuse, why not?

- Lack of trust in the police
- didn't know that incidents could be reported
- Didn't know how to report an incident
- Afraid of repercussions of reporting
- N/A
- Other:

How could we improve hate crime reporting?

Your answer

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Section 2: Please tell us a little about yourself

The survey is completely anonymous

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

- No
- Mental health impairment
- Physical impairment
- Visual impairment
- Hearing impairment
- Deaf
- Learning disability impairment
- Autism or Asperger's
- Cognitive impairment
- Multiple impairments
- Rather not say

What is your ethnicity?

- White British
- White Irish
- White Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- White - Other
- Asian or Asian British - Indian Pakistani
- Asian or Asian British - Indian
- Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi
- Asian or Asian British - Chinese
- Asian or Asian British - any other Asian
- Mixed - White and Black Caribbean
- Mixed - White and Black African background
- Mixed - any other mixed
- Black or Black British - Caribbean
- Black or Black British - African
- Black or Black British - Any other black background
- Arab
- Rather not say

How old are you?

- under 16
- 17 – 25
- 26 – 40
- 41 - 65
- Over 65
- Rather not say

What is your religion/belief?

- No religion
- Buddhist
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)
- Sikh
- Other

What is your sexuality?

- Heterosexual
- Gay man
- Gay woman / lesbian
- Bisexual
- Asexual
- Rather not say

What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Transgender
- Rather not say

Appendix 2 – Respondent demographics

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?		
Answer	Number	Percentage
No	202	71.9%
Mental health	32	11.4%
Physical impairment	14	5%
Visual impairment	6	2.1%
Hearing impairment	8	2.8%
Deaf	1	0.4%
Learning disability	19	6.8%
Autism or Aspergers	9	3.2%
Cognitive impairment	5	1.8%
Multiple impairment	2	0.7%
Rather not say	17	6%

What is your ethnicity?		
Answer	Number	Percentage
White British	219	77.1%
White Irish	3	1.1%
White Gypsy or Irish Traveller	7	2.5%
White Other	21	7.4%
Asian or Asian British – Indian	1	0.4%
Asian or Asian British - Pakistani	1	0.4%
Asian or Asian British – Bangladeshi	3	1.1%
Asian or Asian British - Chinese	4	1.4%
Asian or Asian British - any other Asian	1	0.4%
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	4	1.4%
Mixed - White and Black African	3	1.1%
Mixed - any other mixed background	8	2.8%
Black or Black British – Caribbean	3	1.1%
Black or Black British - African	7	2.5%
Black or Black British - Any other black background	4	1.4%
Arab	2	0.7%
Rather not say	9	3.2%

How old are you?		
Answer	Number	Percentage
Under 16	161	56.3%
17 - 25	42	14.7%
26 - 40	25	8.7%
41 - 65	34	11.9%
Over 65	20	7%
Rather not say	4	1.4%

What is your religion/belief?		
Answer	Number	Percentage
No religion	167	64.5%
Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)	72	27.8%
Buddhist	2	0.8%
Hindu	3	1.2%
Jewish	5	1.9%
Muslim	9	3.5%
Sikh	0	0%
Other	4	1.5%

What is your sexuality?		
Answer	Number	Percentage
Heterosexual	192	75.6%
Gay man	7	2.8%
Gay woman/lesbian	8	3.1%
Bisexual	13	5.1%
Asexual	2	0.8%
Rather not say	32	12.6%

What is your gender?		
Answer	Number	Percentage
Male	124	45.4%
Female	140	51.3%
Transgender	5	1.8%
Rather not say	5	1.8%

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