

UK POLICE DEFINITIONS OF 'MONITORED' HATE CRIME

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TITLE	DEFINITION	INCLUDED SUBJECTS
Hate Mo tivation	'Hate crimes and incidents are taken to mean any crime or incident where the perpetrator's prejudice against an identifiable group of people is a factor in determining who is victimised'.	This is a broad and inclusive definition. A victim does not have to be a member of the group. In fact, anyone could be a victim of a hate crime.
Hate Incident	"Any incident which is perceived to be racist by the victim or any other person" or "Any incident which is perceived to be motivated because of a person's religion or perceived religion, by the victim or any other person" or "Any incident which is perceived to be motivated because of a person's sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation, by the victim or any other person" or "Any incident which is perceived to be motivated because of a person's disability or perceived disability, by the victim or any other person" or "Any incident which is perceived to be motivated because a person is transgender or perceived to be transgender by the victim or any other person"	Any racial group or ethnic background including countries within the United Kingdom and 'Gypsy & Traveller groups'. Any religious group including those who have no faith. Any persons sexual orientation Any disability including physical disability, learning disability and mental health Including people who are Transsexual, transgender, transvestite and including those who hold a Gender Recognition

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		Certificate under the Gender Recognition Act 2004.
Hate Crimes¹	A Hate Crime is any criminal offence which is perceived to be racist by the victim or any other person” or “Any criminal offence which is perceived to be motivated because of a person's religion or perceived religion, by the victim or any other person” or “Any criminal offence which is perceived to be motivated because of a person's sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation, by the victim or any other person” or “Any criminal offence which is perceived to be motivated because of a person's disability or perceived disability, by the victim or any other person” or “Any criminal offence which is perceived to be motivated because a person is transgender or perceived to be transgender, by the victim or any other person”	As Hate Incident above
Hate Crime Prosecution	“Any Hate Crime which has progressed to a charge decision or later notification, where a prosecutor has assessed that there is evidence provided that could	As Hate Incident above

¹ Crimes refer to all those recorded by the police in accordance with the Home Office Crime Recording Standards

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	be put to a court when an offender is being sentenced.”	
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