Safeguarding Bulletin

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National Hate Crime Awareness Week October 8th to October 15th 2016

Students can experience Hate Crime at any time, either inside or outside the college. Should you be worried about any issue that you feel may be linked to Hate Crime, do not hesitate to contact the Safeguarding Team who will support you sensitively. Read on to find out more about what Hate Crime is and how Hugh Baird College are here to support you.

What is Hate Crime? A crime that the victim or any other person perceives to be motivated by hostility or prejudice towards any aspect of a person's identity. Police forces in England, Wales and Northern Ireland annually monitor five strands of Hate Crime: **Disability, Gender Identity, Race, Ethnicity or Nationality**, **Religion, Faith or Belief**, **Sexual Orientation.**

Hugh Baird College is a Hate Crime Reporting Centre, what does this mean? Hugh Baird College supports Sefton council's campaign that urges people to take a stand against hate crime by becoming one of a number of reporting centres across the borough. The campaign aims to raise awareness of hate crime and encourages people to speak out when they have been a victim. In addition to the college, there are eight other third party reporting centres across Sefton where victims can receive help and support to report an incident of hate in a safe and secure environment.

How Do I Report Hate Crime? If you have any concerns about the radicalization of a student you should report it immediately. Members of the public wishing to use the College to report a Hate Crime are required to report to the College's main reception on Balliol Road. Victims, who don't want to speak to the police can contact Stop Hate UK anonymously on their 24 hour hotline **0800 138 1625.**

Centres can be identified by the "red hand" logo and can be found at Hugh Baird College, Southport One Stop Shop, Cambridge Arcade, Southport Bootle One Stop Shop, Stanley Road, Bootle Sefton Advocacy, Leicester Street, Southport Living Well Centre, Scarisbrick Street, Southport One Vision Housing, Bootle People First, Stanley Road, Bootle Sefton Adult Social Care, Merton House, Bootle Sefton CVS, Waterloo.

In The News...

In the week before and after the vote to leave the European Union, British Police reported a 42% rise in hate related crime. There was a small decrease after the initial peak but numbers were still 33% higher than the same period in 2015.

According to British Transport Police, the number of suspected hate crimes on Britain's railways increased significantly after the recent E.U. referendum. Statistics from British Transport Police for the fortnight after the Brexit Vote indicated a rise in several areas of potentially hate related crime, including racially and religiously aggravated crime, some cases including actual bodily harm. One case of assault was perceived to have been due to the victim's nationality.

Speaking on behalf of campaign group Railfuture, Bruce Williamson said "Every passenger should be able to enter a station and board a train without fear of abuse or worse."

Rose Simkins, Chief Executive of Stop Hate UK, added "While we are encouraged that people have found confidence to report incidents due to the national publicity on the issue, it is a sad fact that the numbers of all hate incidents are extremely under reported."

Chris Horton, Super Intendant of British Transport Police stated that "Hate crime is completely unacceptable and has no place in society...We are aware that Hate Crime is underreported and so, in order to tackle it effectively, we need the public to stand up to those committing these sickening acts and report it...we will take every report seriously."

Stop Hate UK is a leading national organisation working to challenge all forms of Hate Crime and discrimination, based on any aspect of an individual's identity. Ministers have implemented a Hate Crime plan, outlining methods to address offences perpetrated on public transport. Source:

www.theguardian.com/world/2016/race-hate-crime-uk-railways-soared-after-brexit-votefigures-show