

Safer & Stronger Communities Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee
Thursday 20th October 2016
Public Questions

Response to the public questions raised by Mr Martin Brighton at the meeting held on Thursday 20th October 2016.

Question 1

When hate crimes are reported / processed / resolved is there any policy and procedure to prevent repetition?

South Yorkshire Police can use restorative justice in some appropriate cases, which aims to bring together an offender and victim, to build awareness and understanding between the parties and reduce the likelihood of reoffending.

Aside from the usual deterrence factor that taking enforcement action against all types of crime provides, both the Council and South Yorkshire Police work to increase awareness of hate crime – identifying it and reporting it – which in time should effect a reduction in hate crime and hate incidents.

Question 2

Is equalities awareness training integrated for personnel involved with dealing with hate crimes?

All employees of Sheffield City Council are required to undertake Equality, Diversity and Inclusion awareness training as part of their required learning and development.

Responses provided by: Maxine Stavrianakos, Head of Neighbourhood Intervention & Tenant Support

Response sent by email on: Thursday 3rd November 2016

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