

The Bedfordshire Hate Crime Partnership

Welcome to our Annual report 2005/06. It has been a busy and frustrating year that has seen the number of incidents increase but not to the level we expect. We all know that what is reported is indeed just the tip of the iceberg and far more activity needs to take place to encourage a higher number of reports to be made.

The term "Hate Crime" is now the nationally recognised and published term for all incidents relating to Race, Faith, Sexuality, Age, Disability and Gender. The Hate Crime Partnership (previously known as Beds Multi Agency Racist Incident Group – BMARIG) has now evolved to coordinate and process reports of hate crime and no longer concentrate only on Racist Incidents. This has been a huge but positive step to inclusion and a more cohesive service can be provided. We are, however, still constrained by the meagre funding levels and we MUST make sure that we can successfully continue this Partnership with the provision of a full coordination service.

As the Chair, I am certainly willing to take on the challenge, but of course, it will need the commitment and dedication of every member of our unique Partnership to make this happen. I hope all our members and supporters will continue to work with me to make this happen for 2006/07.

Wendy Anderson-Welsh
Chair

Co-ordinator's Report

This has been a busy year of transition, from 'Tell Us' to.....

TRUE VISION, providing all The Partnership members with new posters, resource information and the new Reporting Packs, so members of the public now have access to these across the county. This will enable them to report any 'Hate Crime' relating to Race, Religion, Sexuality, Age and Disability.

A 'Hate Crime' is any offence committed against a person or property which is motivated by the offender's hatred of people because they are seen as different.

New Member organisations are joining the Partnership on a regular basis as part of their 'Good practice' actions to promote their Discrimination Policies.

What to know more?

Contact the **TRUE VISION**
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Reported Crime

The gathering of information on the numbers of reported Crime continues to elude us. We know that we will never have a true picture in relation to the number of incidents because people do not report every incident to the Police or to The TRUE VISION Service.

The Partnership relies on its members to feedback information they have so we can gain a greater awareness on the impact on the Community and be pro active in assisting where necessary.

The number of incidents we are aware of this year is **408**.

A copy of the year's statistics is available on request at the address provided.

Partnership Members

Include.....

Age Concern Bedford
Advocacy Alliance
Aldwyck Housing Association
Aragon Housing Association
B Proud
Bedford Borough Council
Bedford Council of Faiths
Bedford Race Equality Council
Bedford Refugee & Asylum Seekers Support
Bedfordshire County Council
Bedfordshire Police
Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity
CAB Bedford and District
CAB Leighton Buzzard
CAB Mid Beds
CAB South Beds
Community Rights Centre
Connexions Bedfordshire and Luton
Council for Voluntary Services Bedford
Council for Voluntary Services Mid Beds
Family Groups
Her Majesty's Prison
Home Start
John Grooms Lifestyle Choices Project
Minorities Ethnic Network for the
Manor Farm Family Centre
Mid Beds District Council
Minority Achievement Support Service
Pilgrim's Housing Association
Rethink (Mental Health Project)
Bedford College
Social Services (Asylum Team)
South Bedfordshire District Council
Sure Start Cauldwell
Town Council Leighton Linsdale
Victim Support
Voluntary & Community Action South Beds
Youth Action
Youth Services Bedfordshire and many more....

Beds Hate Crime Partnership is funded by:
 BPHA, Aldwyck HA, Aragon HA, Bedford REC, Bedford Borough Council, Beds County Council,

HELP US TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING

There are a number of ways you can report a 'Hate Crime'.

Phone the Police, there are specially trained Officers in your area, who can speak to you in confidence.

Self Reporting, use the form contained within the Reporting Pack, to report an incident. You do not have to give your personal details.

Internet Reporting, some Police forces allows you to report 'Hate Crime' on-line, check out your local police website.

Information and Reporting Centres will have Reporting Packs for you to pick up and some centres maybe able to assist you to complete a form.

Telephone the TRUE VISION
Co-ordinaton Service on
01234 350459
To report an incident.

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