Equality & Diversity Forum – 30th June 2011
Hate Crime Report - Safer Sutton Partnership Service

Stop Hate UK 24hr helpline:

Since the last meeting we have focused re-launching the Stop Hate UK helpline across borough. This campaign has included:

Insight article – the internal Sutton Council magazine (approx 2500 staff)

Sutton Scene – Published in the recent June / July edition. (10 Hot Topics section)

Advertised on the Sutton Housing Partnership Reception Screen at Sutton Gate.

Dedicated external website page on both Sutton site and Sutton reference on SHUK site.

Leaflet distribution through the Police Safer Neighbourhood ward team to major community hubs, such as primary care centres, libraries, schools and community centres. In addition advertised through leaflets in the Police Station front office and civic reception.

Information displayed and available in the Sutton Life Centre.

Literature available at the St. Helier Festival from the SSPS DV stall.

Areas to be engaged include:

SCOLA
SCIL
Citizens Advice Borough
Age Concern

3rd Party Reporting:

Al 3rd party reports received in FY 10/11 were of a racial nature. All victims lived in the SM5 post code area. This runs from St. Helier ward through The Wrythe to the north of Carshalton.

The 3rd party reports can be best described as malicious neighbour disputes where race is an aggravating factor. Other factors have included problem dogs, noise, poor quality of physical boundaries etc. This gives insight into the ongoing level of community tension that can exist in this area of the borough (St Helier Estate and The Wrythe)

Police Reports

The police received a total of 137 racist & religious hatred reports in 2010/11. This is reduction of 2% of the previous year. There were a total of 13 reports to police of homophobic offences, 3 of these were of a violent nature.

All hate crime suffers from large scale underreporting so the apparent low numbers are unlikely to be genuine reflections of actual offence levels within the borough.

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