

FENLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

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New hate crime reporting facility launched at council centres

Fenland District Council is supporting police efforts to stamp out hate crime by launching a new online reporting facility at its customer services centres.

A hate crime reporting option is now available on all public access computers at the Council's Customer Services Centres in March and Wisbech and community hubs in Chatteris and Whittlesey.

The 'True Vision' facility has been developed so that people can report hate crimes online, if they would prefer not to report directly to the police. Once a form has been filled in, it is sent directly to Cambridgeshire Police.

A 'hate crime' is any incident perceived as being motivated by prejudice or hate connected with the victim's race/ethnicity, religion/belief, gender identity, sexual orientation or disability. It may include verbal abuse, threats, physical assault, harassment, damage to property and bullying.

Councillor Susan Wallwork, Fenland District Council's Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, said: "Fenland residents should be able to go about their daily lives without fear of intimidation, abuse, harassment and violence.

"As a Council and community we need to remain vigilant to help prevent and stamp out hate crime and build stronger, safer communities.

"By reporting hate crime when it happens to you, you may be able to prevent these incidents from happening to someone else. You'll also help the police understand the extent of hate crime in your local area so they can better respond to it.

"Some victims and witnesses would prefer not to report directly to the police and the opportunity to attend a non-police location will hopefully provide the confidence and reassurance to report such sensitive issues."

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