

RHINS - Responding to Hate Incidents in North Somerset

Terms of Reference

Statement of Intent

A multi agency partnership formed to respond to and resolve hate incidents in North Somerset. This will be achieved by identifying trends, resolving issues and reporting results to relevant agencies.

Membership

The membership of the group will remain flexible to ensure that relevant partners can discuss and address any current local issues.

Current members include:

Avon & Somerset Constabulary	Victim Support
Avon Fire & Rescue Service	Registered Social Landlords representatives
North Somerset Council	Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership
SREC – Somerset Race Equality Council	NHS North Somerset
SARI – Support Against Racist Incidents	Weston College
EACH – Educational Action Challenging Homophobia	North Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau

- Members should send a substitute from their organisation if they are unable to attend a RHINS meeting
- Representatives from other groups will be invited to meetings where their input would be particularly relevant e.g. keeping informed on national and regional developments
- Members undertake to respect confidentiality of information discussed
- Members are responsible for providing feedback to their respective sectors

Aims and objectives

- Identify hate issues using quarterly monitoring reports from formal records i.e. hate crime reports and hate incident reports
- Identify hate issues using information from informal records e.g. other agencies
- Request further research e.g. analysis of quarterly hate crime report
- Review individual hate cases in order to
 - identify best practise
 - use the resources of all agencies to resolve a case when difficulties are encountered
- Raise awareness of and improve confidence in the reporting procedure
- Monitor reporting procedures with a view to improvement
- Identify and tackle blockages in reporting procedures
- Use the resources of all partnerships to tackle identified issues
- Report achievements annually to partners and to the Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership

Frequency of meetings

Four times a year.

Review of Terms of Reference

These may be reviewed at any time.