

Dear

I am writing to you in reply to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to Nottinghamshire County Council. I have the following information.

Council Details

1. Name of Council

Nottinghamshire County Council

2. FOI Reference Number

NCC-026746-17

3. Name of Person responding to FOI

John Allison

4. UK Region council is located in.

East Midlands

Hate Crime Policy

1a Is hate crime included in the councils current community safety plan?

Yes

1b Does the council have a separate hate crime policy?

Yes

1c If no current plans are available - which year did the last plan end?

NCC works as a partner with Safer Nottinghamshire Board (SNB) Hate Crime plan.

1d Can you send a PDF copy of the above documents?

Please see the attached document.

Hate Crime Staffing

2a Does the council have a designated hate crime lead/team?

Yes

2b If 2a= yes, what is the name of the designated hate crime lead/team?

Community Safety team

2c Does the council employ designated hate crime officer?

Yes

2d If 2c = yes, how can we contact them?

Email: Andy.peacock@nottscc.gov.uk

Hate Crime Reporting

3a Does the council facilitate hate crime reporting in its area?

Yes

3b What methods of reporting does the council support?

Through its work with the SNB and OPCC promoting signposting to Police and True Vision (see attached.)

Work with Nottingham Mencap's Smile! Stop Hate Crime on promotion of safe places and reporting for LD victims and witnesses.

Reporting through children's centres and schools.

Hate Crime Resources

4a Does the council have a designated page on its website for hate crime information?

Under construction.

4b If 4a = yes - what is it's URL website address?

N/A

4c Does the council produce any hate crime materials (Posters, Leaflets, Cards, Campaign materials, training resources etc)?

Yes. The Council has worked closely with the National Holocaust Centre and Museum on a range of training sessions for partners entitled No to hate! It has also worked with partners to promote the No to hate! organisational pledge.

Hate Crime Advocacy

5a Does the council provide direct hate crime advocacy services to people affected by hate crime?

No

5b If 5a = yes - how many hate crime advocates does the council employ?

N/A

5c Does the council refer people affected by hate crime to external hate crime advocacy services?

Yes

5d If 5c = Yes, please can you provide a list of hate crime advocacy services that the council refers people to?

As noted above NCC works closely with partner agencies via SNB: partners include local CVS representatives, district and borough councils, Catch 22, Nottingham Citizens, GypsyLife, Nottinghamshire Rainbow Heritage, Centreplace, Communities in Control, Nottingham Mencap, Southwell Diocese etc. all of whom provide a range of services including advocacy.

Hate Crime Funding

6a How much did the council budget to tackle hate crime in 2017/18?

The Community Safety Team does not have a specific budget for hate crime. One Community Safety Officer has a lead for hate crime as part of a range of duties. Hate crime initiatives may be funded from the Community Safety budget as agreed by the Council. This varies from year to year. Funding for associated work relating to other themes (such as New and Emerging communities, work with young people, equalities etc. which may also impact on hate crime but are not specifically labelled as such).

6b How much did the council budget to tackle hate crime last year 2016/17?

See above

6c How much did the council budget to tackle hate crime in 2015/16?

See above

6d Can you provide a list of organisations funded by the council to tackle hate crime?

NCC works closely with SNB and the Hate Crime theme work funded by the OPCC.

Working with Communities affected by hate crime

7a Does the council facilitate or participate in a hate crime forum?

Yes

7b If 7a = yes - what is the name of the hate crime forum?

SNB Hate Crime steering group

7c if 7a = yes - how often does the hate crime forum meet?

Quarterly

7d if 7a = yes - what other local authorities attend the meetings?

All local district and borough councils and also representatives from Nottingham City Council.

7e If 7a = yes - what voluntary sector organisations are represented on the forum?

Nottingham Mencap, GypsyLife, Nottinghamshire Rainbow Heritage, Southwell Diocese, Nottingham Citizens etc.

National Hate Crime Awareness Week #NHCAW

8a Does the council intend to take part this year? (14th-21st October 2017)

Maybe

8b If 8a = yes - what is the council planning to do?

N/A

8c Which years has the council taken part in #NHCAW? 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015. 2016 (please check each year participated)

N/A

8d If the council has not participated in #NHCAW before - can you give us a reason why?

NCC supports and has supported a wide range of hate crime initiatives, events and organisations through its work with the Safer Nottinghamshire Board and partners including Holocaust Memorial Day, Stop Hate UK, Remembering Srebrenica, the National Holocaust Centre and Museum, No to Hate! pledge, Nottinghamshire Rainbow Heritage, Black History Week, GypsyLife, IDAHOBIT Day, Nottingham Citizens, The Signpost to Polish Success etc. To date NHCAW has not been supported but may well form part of this extensive programme.

If you have any queries or concerns then please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail complaints@nottscc.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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