

Information regarding hate crimes 21/03

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The Hate Crime Victims Needs Research was compiled using annual RHIAF data reports compiled since 2006. These reports are based on Police and/or ASB hotline reports. Please find below data that I've taken from all available RHIAF data reports (which are also attached).

Please note, that all the data reports do not include the same types of information, hence are not consistent. There are a number of factors for this such as different time lines within which data has been collated for meetings, partners record data differently, changes in ASB database, data analyst changes, time and resource constraints from analysts and partners requiring new pieces of information. In addition to this there is data compiled independently by Victim Support based on their service users and also Schools record incidents of bullying.

April 2006 to March 2007

230 hate crime reports to the Council

- 137 race hate,
- 16 homophobic,
- 12 age related,
- 6 faith hate,
- 2 disability hate
- 57 other hate crimes.

Victim Ethnicity Breakdown

Asian – 36.6% (current projected population of 36%)

White – 28% (current projected population of 51%)

Black - 15.5% (current projected population of 6.5%)

119 Unavailable

33 Bangladeshi

26 White

25 Unknown

8 Somali

3 Caribbean

2 Irish

2 Eastern European

2 Dual Heritage

2 African

1 White/Asian

1 South African/Mixed

1 Polish
1 Pakistani
1 Italian
1 English
1 Dutch
1 Black other
1 Asian Bangladeshi
1 Asian
1 Arabic
1 Anglo Italian

Perpetrator Ethnicity Breakdown

Only 69 cases with provided ethnicity

Asian – 33.3% (current projected population of 36%)

White – 30.4% (current projected population of 51%)

Black – 7.2% (current projected population of 6.5%)

125 Unknown
21 White
16 Unavailable
13 Bangladeshi
5 Pakistani
4 African
3 Indian
2 Asian
2 Dual heritage
1 Asian and white
1 Black other
1 Mixed

April 2007 to December 2007

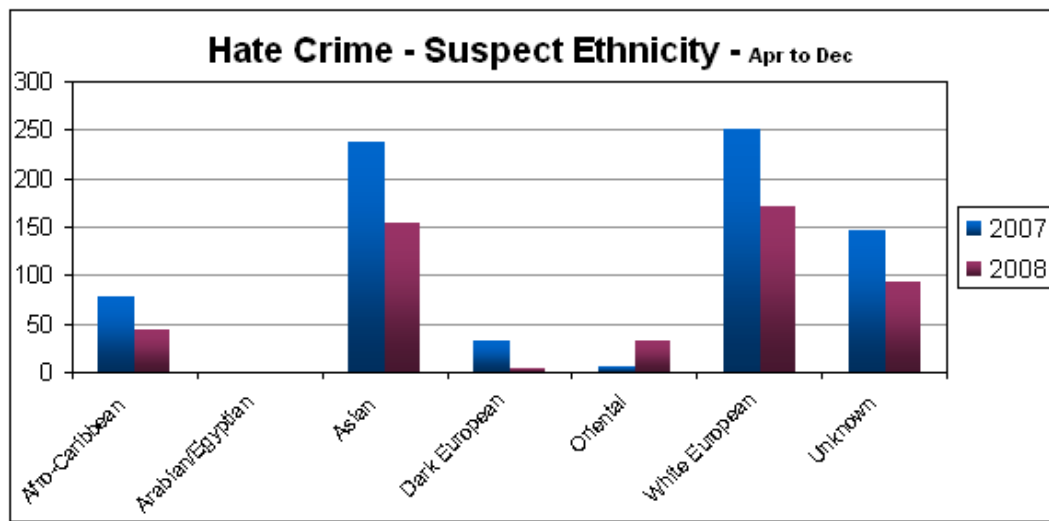
562 hate crimes reported to Police

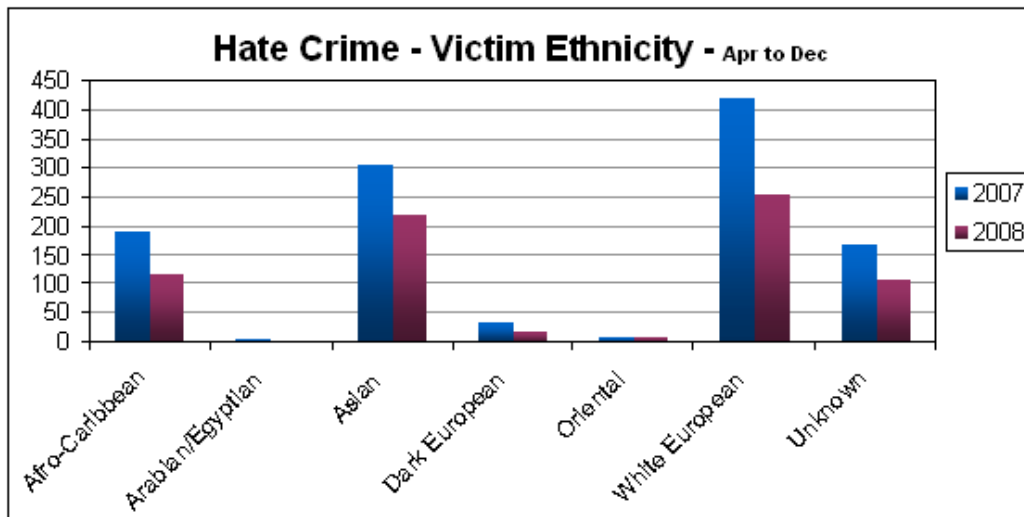
348 race hate

37 homophobic

19 faith hate

(victim and perpetrator profile in graphs below, exact numbers unavailable)





April 2008 to December 2008

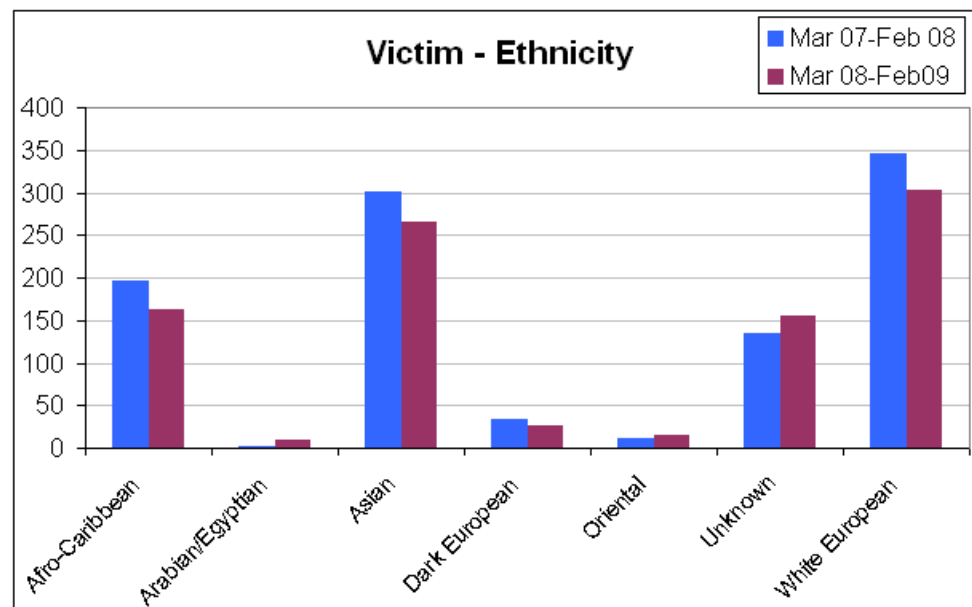
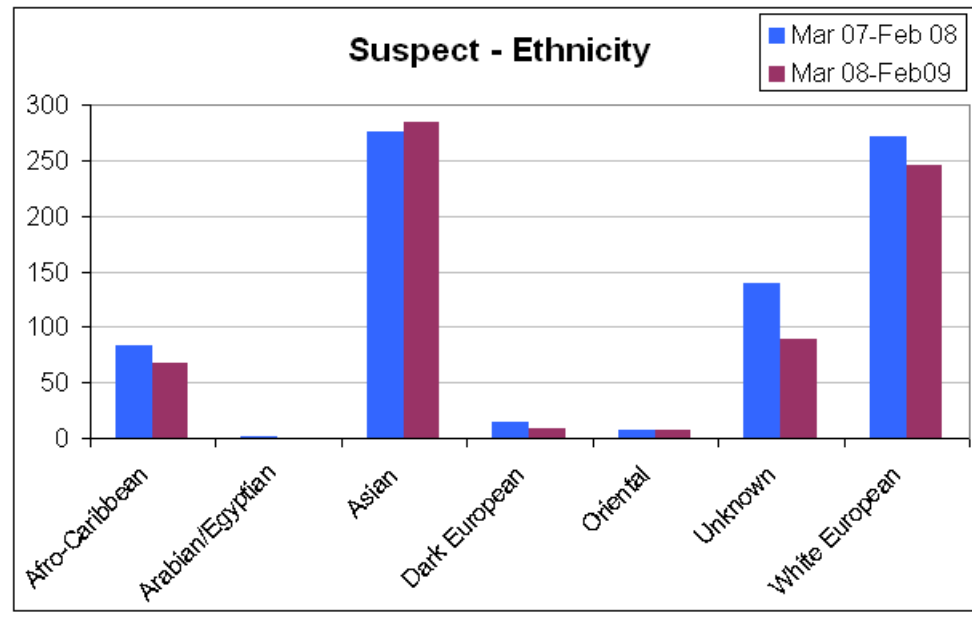
364 hate crimes reported to Police
 196 race hate
 36 homophobic
 23 faith hate

(victim and perpetrator ethnicity in graphs above, exact numbers unavailable)

March 2008 to February 2009

434 hate crimes reported to Police
 331 race hate
 61 homophobic hate
 42 faith hate

(victim and perpetrator ethnicity in graphs below, exact numbers unavailable)



Hate Crime Team

The Hate Crime Team was established in 2007 and was tasked with tackling all forms of hate crime through enforcement. In 2008, the Hate Crime Policy and Partnership Team were formed with a different role, to develop and implement the hate crime strategy across all 6 equality groups.

The strategy is developed and monitored through the Tower Hamlets No Place for Hate Forum (formerly known as the Race and Hate Inter-agency Forum) in partnership with statutory and voluntary sector organisations such as Tower Hamlets Police, Victim Support Tower Hamlets, Registered Social Landlords, Thames Magistrates Court and various Council departments such as Children's Services, Adult Protection Team and the Investigation Team. (A full list of members and terms of reference can be provided on request)

The team comprises of:

Menara Ahmed, Hate Crime Policy & Partnership Team
Nazma Begum, Hate Crime Partnership Officer
Taibah Shah, Hate Crime Projects Officer

The key hate crime objectives are:

- To ensure support and protection for victims and witnesses of hate
- To ensure enforcement action is taken to hold perpetrators accountable
- To raise awareness of all forms of hate to promote community cohesion.

(Strategic Plans detailing the following can be sent on request)

Hate Crime Funding Allocations/Initiatives

April 2006 to March 2007

Within existing resources

- Monitoring reporting of all racial incidents in Schools in accordance for BVPI
- Celebration of diversity through **outreach** events
- Production of “**roots of prejudice**” literature for parents to challenge prejudice.

- **21 awareness sessions** delivered based on requests.
- **Case audits** to ensure effective case investigation and full use of enforcement powers.
- **Service user satisfaction** involves inviting 100% of service users of the Council to feedback on satisfaction levels and to address areas of concern

£35,000 Beat Hate Crime Campaign – a borough wide campaign to promote reporting of hate crime, raise awareness and to ensure hate crime reporting mechanisms are fit for purpose and utilised.

£25,000 Victim Support Tower Hamlets Homophobic Crime Worker

£12,000 Really Big Adventure – a hate crime project delivered by 3rd sector through arts and media, to bring groups of youths from different backgrounds together to tackle hate crime and change perceptions.

£5,000 Disability Hate Crime Research Project – to find out the scale of disability hate crime in the borough, delivered by local disability organisation DITO

TOTAL £77,000

April 2007 to March 2008

Within existing resources:

- Case audits to ensure effective case investigation and full use of enforcement powers.
- Equalities Impact Assessment on 24 hour hate crime reporting line.
- Monitoring reporting of all racial incidents in Schools in accordance for BVPI
- **A Victim and Witness Support Team** existed within the LBTH Community Safety Service comprising of:
 - Azad Amiruzzaman, Manager and 3 Support Workers Pauline Martin, Faisal Ali and Ayesha Haque. Their role was to ensure all hate incidents reported to the Council were acted upon through providing effective support.

- £15,000 (Community Safety Unit Publicity Fund) for **Beat Hate Crime Campaign** – a borough wide campaign to promote reporting of hate crime and raise awareness.
- £8,000 (SSCF) **Training for Trainers Programme** provides volunteers with skills required to run training and workshops within the community.
- £5,000 (SSCF) **Easy Reference Pack** (Hate Crime Manual) aimed to equip all professionals in Tower Hamlets the pathway to effective prevention, intervention and enforcement in tackling all forms of hate.
- £30,000 (Home Office Victims Fund) to set up **Third Party Reporting Project** in the borough. A worker was recruited to establish 12 centres where victims can report crimes without having to go to Police Station.
- £25, 000 **LGBT Worker** commissioned to Victim Support Tower Hamlets
- £4,000 (Equalities Fund) to hold regular **LGBT Community Forums** to address under reporting of homophobic hate crime and to build stronger partnerships between the community and authorities.
- £5,000 (SSCF) for **Exploring the Unthinkable Project** commissioned to Central Foundation Girls School where an equalities and discrimination issues was embedded into the School curriculum. A public exhibition was created by the pupils on their views on hate crime and its impact.
- £20,000 (RHIAF and ASBAG funding) **Intergenerational Project** tendered out and commissioned to St Hilda's Community Centre to hold community events that bring together different generations and deter young people away from ASB and hate crime. They facilitated workshops with young and older people which challenges stereotypes, prejudice and aims to build cohesion.
- £10,000 (SSCF) **Disability Hate Crime Research Project** commissioned to local charity DITO (Disability Information Training Opportunities) with the aim of consulting with local disabled people and the findings of which were launched on a Disability Hate Crime Day events. The project aimed to equip professionals with an understanding of disability hate crime and to encourage reporting. Recommendations were made for service improvement which were implemented where feasible.

TOTAL £122,000

April 2008 to March 2009

Within existing resources:

- **Third Party Reporting Project** – 12 centres have been established in the borough to facilitate reporting between the Police and community.
- **Hate Incidents Panel** was established to meet monthly in order to share information and manage responses to hate incidents and work to ensuring identified perpetrators are held to account.
- **Service user satisfaction** involves inviting 100% of service users of the Council to feedback on satisfaction levels and to address areas of concern
- **Case audit and review** involved undertaking case audits to ensure that all cases were effectively investigated and responded to.
- Implementing recommendations from an **Equality Impact Assessment** undertaken on the Council's 24 hour hate crime reporting line. This included ensuring diversity monitoring categories were put in place, training for staff, including a specialist LGBT training programme.
- **Churchyard Security Review Project** – A Churchyard Security Group was established to review and improve security in and around Churchyards in Tower Hamlets.
- £36,000 (core funding) commissioned to Victim Support Tower Hamlets for one **Race and Faith Crime Support Worker** responsible for providing emotional and practical support to victims of race and faith hate crime.
- £20,000 for **Hate Crime Victims Needs Research Report** which aimed to build local evidence base about the experiences and needs of victims of all forms of hate. This was tendered out and Michael Bell Associates were the successful candidates.
- £25,000 commissioned to Victim Support Tower Hamlets for **Homophobic and Transphobic Crime Worker** responsible for providing emotional and practical support to victims of homophobic and transphobic crime.
- £15,000 (ASB funding, LBTH Housing Management) for **No Place for Hate Campaign**
- £25,000 for **No Place for Hate Champions Project**. This project recruits local people from a cross section of the community through local

advertisements so that they can be trained to raise awareness of all forms of hate crime within the community and amongst peers. The training is an accredited Hate Crime Leadership Training Programme and the Champions expenses are often paid for.

TOTAL £121, 000

April 2009 to March 2010

Within existing resources

- **Implementation Plan** for Hate Crime Victims Needs Research recommendations
- Maintaining the **Third Party Reporting Project**
- **Service User Satisfaction**
- **Adults Safeguarding training** to raise awareness of age hate crime and to embed a PAN London policy in safeguarding adults.
- Coordinated activities for **World Elder Abuse Day**
- Information leaflet for parents and carers on how to tackle bullying within schools
- **Anti-bullying policy** – Ensure schools and other youth sector settings receive advice, support and training to establish effective anti-bullying practices.
- **CSU Witness Support Scheme** – To improve the Witness Support Scheme to allow better communication between hate crime advocates and witnesses.
- Work with RSLs to ensure effective handling of cases through training
- **Young Peoples No Place for Hate Pledge**
- **Hate Crime Perpetrators Mapping Exercise** – a mapping exercise to identify what provisions and interventions are in place for perpetrators of hate. This involved consulting with key organisations and identifying areas for improvement.
- **No Outsiders Project** delivered within Schools to evaluate the pilot project which worked to address homophobic bullying.

- Bullying and discrimination workshops in Schools to raise awareness of the impact of their behaviour
- Diversity and equality training for school staff to review the impact of race, disability and gender equality schemes
- **Citizenship Pieces Website** devised to encourage reporting of hate crime and knife crime.
- £63,000 (core funding) for one and half **hate crime support workers** at Victim Support, responsible for providing emotional and practical support to victims of all forms of hate crime. This demonstrates our move to ensuring support for all forms of hate including disability, age and gender hate.
- £10,000 (from Scrutiny and Equalities Department) for **No Place for Hate Champions Project**. This project recruits local people so that they can be trained to raise awareness of all forms of hate crime within the community and amongst peers. The training is an accredited Hate Crime Leadership Training Programme and the Champions expenses are often paid for.
- £5,000 (core funding) for **No Place for Hate Campaign and Pledge**. This campaign publicly condemns all forms of hate crime and encourages all to report hate crime and to sign up to the No Place for Hate Pledge. It makes visible the Partnerships commitment to tackle all forms of hate. The funds were spent on No Place for Hate promotional items such as leaflets, postcards and goodies such as pens. The Pledge places some responsibility on individuals and organisations to challenge prejudice and in helping making One Tower Hamlets.

TOTAL £78,000