

Statement from Devon and Cornwall Police

Devon and Cornwall Police is aware that since the outcome of last Friday's European Union referendum some parts of the country have seen an increase in the number of hate incidents and hate crimes, mainly of a racist or religiously discriminatory basis and some negative social media postings of a similar nature. We recognise that this behaviour may be unsettling to our diverse communities. They may feel particularly vulnerable and anxious at this time, but we wish to reassure our communities that whilst there have been no increased reports of such activity within our force area we continue to closely monitor the situation.

Our Diverse Communities Teams and Neighbourhood Teams are working hard to provide support and reassurance to all our communities.

It is vital that we all work closely to promote the message that any instances of 'hate' such as abuse, harassment or violence are completely unacceptable and will be dealt with robustly, with a zero tolerance approach.

We encourage reports of all hate incidents and hate crimes towards individuals from all minority groups and we are keen for these to be reported at the earliest opportunity. We urge communities, our key networks and independent advisors to work with us to report any 'hate' incidents and ensure that anyone who may be a victim of such unwanted behaviour will receive the help and support they need.

To report an incident or crime , please contact us:

Emergency

Telephone: 999

SMS/Text: 999 – if you are Deaf/hard of hearing or speech impaired

Non Emergency

Telephone: 101

SMS/Text: 67101 – if you are Deaf/hard of hearing or speech impaired

Email: 101@dc.police.uk

To make a Third Party Report

http://www.report-it.org.uk/report_a_hate_crime