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National Disability Strategy (2021) identifies:

Just 8% of disabled people, 8% of carers and 12% of the 'general' population agree or strongly agree that views held by members of the public are generally 'helpful' for disabled people – **prejudice is a daily occurrence for many disabled people, their family and friends**.

The impact of negative perceptions is wide ranging – over half of people with a disability worry about being insulted or harassed in the street and 45% worry about being physically attacked by *strangers.*

‘Am I Your Problem?’

[Campaign video - May 2019]

2007: Francesca Hardwick, and her mother Fiona Pilkington, committed suicide

2006: Steven Hoskin was tortured, drugged and killed

HATE HURTS

August 2010: "One final indignity was to come - you stripped her naked and left her body where you had dragged it. Gemma Hayter died alone."

David Askew collapsed and died in 2010 after an incident involving local youths. He had suffered harassment and anti-social behaviour for a number of years.

Lee Irving was murdered at the hands of a man who he had believed was his friend. Lee was tortured and murdered in truly horrific circumstances in 2015

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support that changes with you

“While there has been clear progress in disabled people being portrayed as equal and contributing members of community, there is still prejudice, discrimination and ignorance that permeates society and it is with this lens that we must continue to view disability hate crime.”

Tim Cooper
CEO United Response,
October 2021

Hierarchy of hate

Why are some protected characteristics offered more protection than others within the hate crime strands?

The current criminal law does not treat all of those protected characteristics equally.

- **Aggravated offences** – do not apply to disability

The Law Commission Final Report is due out the end of 2021.

The importance of terminology

THERE IS NO MATE IN MATE CRIME

'BULLIES' OF WINTERBOURNE

WAYNE ROGERS, 30

SHAVEN-headed and tattooed, Wayne Rogers was unpopular with colleagues and 'feared because he held himself as the alpha worker' of Winterbourne View, according to a former staff member at the home.

'He did not appear the caring type, rather intimidating in fact,' he added.

The 30-year-old, pictured, dreamt of owning his own tattoo parlour, but one former co-worker said he seemed content with his 'easy' life. 'He said he liked the job since [as] a senior support worker the money was decent and the work was easy,' he said.

'He seemed to care as little as possible, relying on his boss-like authoritative side to get things done. Instead of caring for patients, he essentially ordered them along.'

Yesterday, his family were unapologetic.

Speaking from the door of his family home, in a leafy cul-de-sac in Bristol, a relative said: 'He can't say anything – he can't even defend himself.'

ALLISON DOVE, 24

RELATIVES of Allison Dove, the only female carer to be arrested in connection with the abuse, said there were 'two sides' to the story.

But colleagues described Dove as 'bullying' and 'heavy handed' with patients.

A former co-worker said: 'I saw her strike back when a patient would touch her.'

GRAHAM DOYLE, 25

GRAHAM Doyle first turned up at the hospital to apply for a job as a kitchen porter but was soon given the role of looking after patients.

A former colleague said of Doyle and the 'slack' staff he hung around with: 'They did not appear to come into work to care, they came in and bullied. It is a place they can exercise control.'

What is hate?

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wDPK4wRXyLw This is to explain the legislation which is just so complex

- Focus group shared examples below:
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-hWWIrVK1Q8 – focus group discussion

Police figures for 2020/21 showed there were an average of around 25 disability hate crimes reported each day in England and Wales.

Behind every number and statistic is a PERSON.

United Response's disability hate crime campaign

Criminal Justice

- MoJ victim code. For the 1st time eligible victims will be automatically referred to the Victim Liaison Officer

[Victims Code - Crime Leaflet (publishing.service.gov.uk)]

p.12 Going to court video

- Intermediaries are an essential role to improve people with disabilities access to court. The MoJ is reviewing provision by spring 2022 as we know this service is in demand but is crucial for enabling communication with disabled people in the justice system

Keep an open mind

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yev1OT_2oak&t=12s

Zach's story

Stop start animation that explains hate crime and county lines

Road map

Support
Accessible
Awareness
Research
Outcomes
Sustainable

Good practice - ending

- https://youtu.be/IC4v7WXa4nE