

Race Bulletin 7  
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## Race Hate Crime

There has been an upward trend in all strands of hate crime since 2012-13. The latest Home Office figures show an increase of 19% compared to the previous year. Over three-quarters (79%) of hate crime is race related.

Hate Crime, England and Wales

Nearly one in five Welsh  
hate crime victims  
considers leaving the  
country as a result

**Force out  
hate  
Not people**

#SeelHearItReportIt  
#MakeHateHistory  
@HateCrimeCymru



“Race hate crime can include any group defined by race, colour, nationality or ethnic or national origin, including countries within the UK, and Gypsy or Irish Travellers. It automatically includes a person who is targeted because they are an asylum seeker or refugee as this is intrinsically linked to their ethnicity and origins. Policy and legislation takes a ‘human rights’ approach and covers majority as well as minority groups.” **College of Policing guidance**

The BME population in Wales is 4.4% (Census 2011).

'Racist incidents' is the term used to describe, 'any incident, including any crime, which is perceived by the victim or any other person to be motivated by a hostility or prejudice based on a person's race or perceived race' (Home Office 2015:3).

**Hate  
crime  
is wrong.**  
**Report it.**



"No one should ever find themselves targeted by violence or hatred because of the colour of their skin, their religion, gender, sexuality or disability... In a democracy, political disagreement should never provoke violence, hatred or discrimination.... Political debate – should be strong and robust, but should seek to calm tensions, not inflame them. Free speech is a fundamental right in the UK and it should be afforded to everyone ..."

**Yvette Cooper MP, Chair of the Home Affairs Committee , 15 November 2016**

**Gwent Police has over 30 Hate Crime Support Officers across the Force who have received specialist training and supported over 600 victims of hate crime. HCSOs really make a difference to the experience of hate crime victims:**

*"It made me feel more confident, they were helpful and made me feel comfortable"*

*"They were a quick contact with somebody who knew what was going on instead of going back through it all with someone else."*

**Knowledge  
Prevention**

**Improve Operational Response  
Increase Reporting & Access to Support**

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