

Hate Incident Monitoring Project Reporting Update September 2007



The Hate Incident Monitoring Project (HIMP) is a multi-agency initiative, its purpose is to develop effective reporting of incidents and inform work undertaken across Leicestershire County in tackling hate incidents.

'A hate incident is any incident where you or someone else has been targeted because they or you are believed to be different, or any incident you believe was motivated by: age, disability, gender identity, race, religion / belief or sexual orientation'

This document provides an update on the HIMP project to the end of September 2007. It includes an overview of the number of hate incidents reported through the project and the police. Details of incidents reported in Leicestershire schools is not yet available for the current academic year. It also includes an update on progress in raising awareness of hate incident reporting and building on the network of reporting centres across the county.

At the launch of the project a total of 22 agencies were established as reporting centres. Since the launch a further 5 agencies have become reporting centres to support the work of the project. A full list of reporting centres is shown in Figure 1, an asterisk* denotes those agencies which have become reporting centres since the launch of the project.

There are plans to continue to expand reporting centres across Leicestershire to support the work of the project across broad range of statutory, voluntary and private sector organisations. The project has approached Loughborough University Students Union and Loughborough University. Also, as a result of partnership work co-ordinated by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council National Grid in Hinckley are currently considering becoming a reporting centre.

Figure 1 : HIMP report centres and partner agencies

All 7 District Councils	South Leicestershire CVS
Charnwood Racial Equality Council	Trade Sexual Health Project
Connexions Leicestershire	Victim Support
LAMP Leicestershire	Vista – Society for the Blind
Leicester LGB Centre	Voluntary Action Charnwood
Leicestershire Constabulary	Voluntary Action Oadby & Wigston
Leicestershire County Council	East Midlands Housing *
MENCAP Leicestershire	North West Leicestershire Citizen Advice Bureau*
mosaic: shaping disability services	Orbit Housing Association*
North West Leicestershire CVS	Widening Participation Project*
	Loughborough College*

awareness raising

A training programme to raise awareness about hate incidents and hate crime has been running since May 2007. To date awareness sessions have been delivered to a number of partner agencies including all District and Borough Councils across the county.

The training has been designed to enable delegates to gain a better understanding of hate incidents and hate crime. These sessions consider the effects of hate incidents and hate crime on the victims and informs on related policy, procedure and legislation. The training is delivered in partnership by the Project Co-ordinator, Hate Incident Monitoring and the Force Hate Crime Officer, Leicestershire Constabulary.

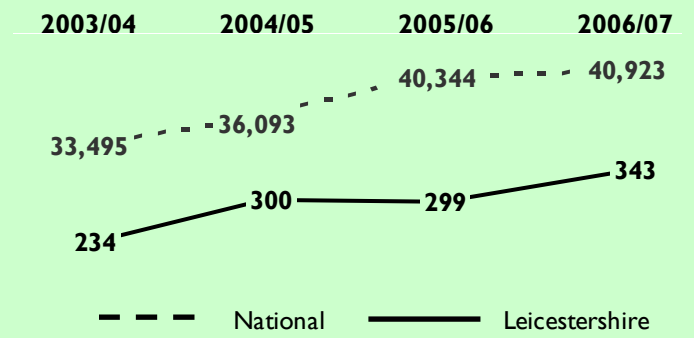
The training will continue to run as a rolling programme across all partner agencies. Currently the training is being rolled out across county council departments.

Could your organisation become a reporting centre?

national & local trends

The police have specific crime recording codes for particular racially or religiously aggravated offences. These offence types include racially or religiously aggravated harassment, less serious wounding, assault without injury and criminal damage. These figures allow national trends in recorded racially or religiously aggravated offences to be accurately compared with the local trends within Leicestershire.

Figure 2 : National and local trends in racially and religiously aggravated offences



Locally - Between 2003/04 and 2006/07 there has been a **47% increase** in the number of racially and religiously aggravated offences recorded by the Police in Leicestershire.

Nationally - Between 2003/04 and 2006/07 there has been a **22% increase** in the number of racially and religiously aggravated offences recorded by the Police in England and Wales.

Source

Local - Leicestershire Conatabulary CIS

National - Crime in England and Wales 2006/07, table 2.04

hate incident reporting within Leicestershire

Figure 3 shows the number of hate incidents reported to the HIMP between March 2007 and September 2007, by local area district. During this six month period a total of 47 incidents were reported to the project.

Further work is required to ensure that communities are aware of the project and feel confident to report incidents. This is fundamental to the project to ensure a comprehensive picture of hate incidents across Leicestershire.

Figure 3 : Hate incidents reported to the HIMP

district	count
Blaby	12
Charnwood	9
North West Leicestershire	9
Hinckley and Bosworth	8
Melton	3
Oadby and Wigston	2
Harborough	0
unspecified	2
Outside Leicestershire	2
total	47

Figure 4 : Hate incidents reported to the police within Leicestershire 2006/07 compared to 2005/06.

district	2005/06	2006/07	% change
Charnwood	200	202	1%
Hinckley and Bosworth	60	119	98%
Blaby	89	68	-24%
Oadby and Wigston	43	67	56%
North West Leicestershire	63	66	5%
Harborough	26	24	-8%
Melton	19	17	-11%
total	500	563	13%
Leicester	1,029	1014	-1%
Rutland	15	13	-13%

Figure 4 shows the number of hate incidents reported to the police within Leicestershire during 2006/07 compared to the previous year.

Overall within Leicestershire there has been an increase of 13% in the number of hate incidents reported to the police during 2006/07 compared to the previous year.

The number of incidents within Hinckley and Bosworth has doubled in 2006/07, compared to the previous year.

types of hate incident reported

Figure 5 shows the profile of the types of hate incidents reported to the police compared to the profile of the types of incidents reported to the project. This data is based on incidents reported in the six month period April 2007 to September 2007.

As the numbers reported to the project are relatively low for each incident type the results need to be interpreted with caution, as small changes in numbers will represent a large percentage change.

Figure 5 shows that 74% of hate incidents reported to the HIMP are racially motivated. This proportion is considerably lower than the percentage of racial incidents reported to the police (85%). This may suggest that individuals are more likely to report incidents of a different type to the project. This will become clearer as the number of incidents reported to the project increases.

Figure 5 : type of hate incident reported
(includes incidents reported to the project and the Police)

type of incident	reported to the police	reported to the HIMP
racial	86%	74%
religious	3%	6%
homophobic	8%	4%
ageist	2%	2%
disablist	1%	6%
sexist	0%	2%
other	0%	6%
total	100%	100%
<i>based on (incidents)</i>	265	47

location of reported incidents

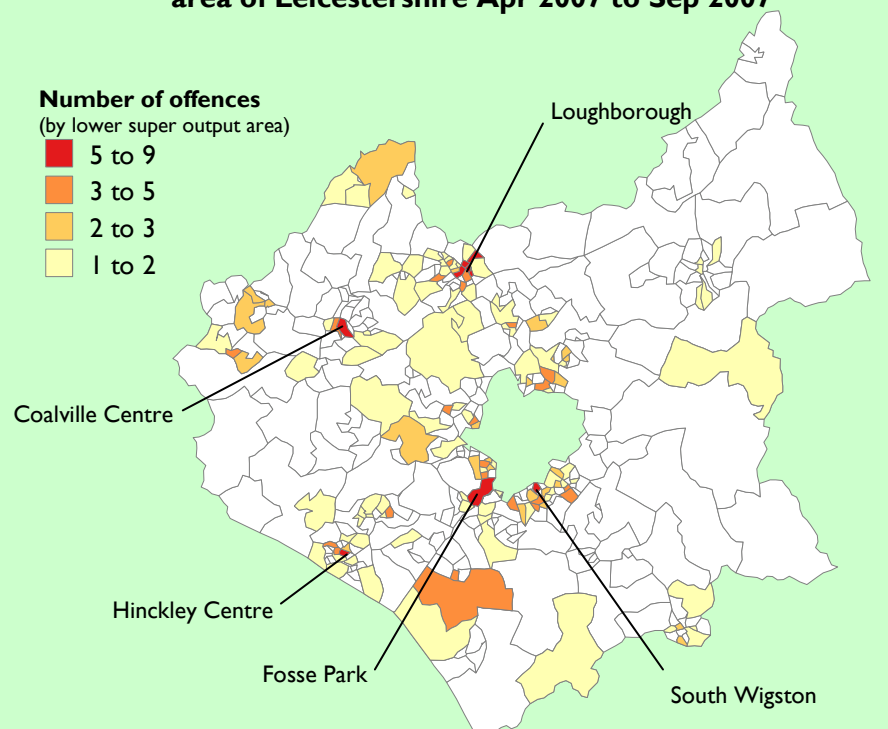
Figure 6 shows the distribution of hate incidents reported to the police across Leicestershire between April 2007 and September 2007. The map shows the number of hate incidents within each of the 396 lower super output areas of Leicestershire. Approximately one-third of the 396 areas in the county had at least one hate incident reported during the first six months of 2007/08. There are nine areas which have had 5 or more reported incidents in the last six months. Five of these areas are within Loughborough and account for 12% of the 265 reported hate incidents reported to the police within the whole county in the six month period.

Approximately half of incidents reported to the police in the first half of the year were recorded to have occurred within a public place. This is reflected in the town centres of Loughborough, Coalville and Hinckley along with Fosse Park, having five or more incidents recorded in the six month period (highlighted in red on the map).

However, there are a number of more residential areas highlighted, namely South Wigston and areas to the east of Loughborough town centre. One-quarter of hate incidents were reported to have happened in a dwelling.

When a full years data is available for the HIMP it will be useful to map all reported hate incidents; both those reported to the police and those reported to the project.

Figure 6 : Map showing the number of hate incidents recorded within each lower super output area of Leicestershire Apr 2007 to Sep 2007



strategic progress of the project

The Leicestershire County Council Hate Incident Reduction Strategy 2007 - 2009 is currently being developed. The draft document outlines the strategic approach to tackling hate incidents across Leicestershire. It underpins and reinforces the commitment identified within the County Councils Community Safety Plan 2006 - 2009 and sets out the targets for reducing hate incidents within Leicestershire.

A county wide Hate Incident Reduction and Monitoring Steering Group has been set up bringing together key partner agencies. The First meeting of the group is scheduled to take place on 29th November 2007. The remit for this group will be discussed at this meeting.

Hate incidents have also been identified as a priority within the Local Area Agreement for Leicestershire 2006 - 2009 . A baseline figure has been set for 2006/07, based on the number of hate incidents within Leicestershire reported to the police, the HIMP and schools. The target is set to increase reporting by 2.5% by March 2008 to 1,048 reported incidents.

annual report

At the end of the financial year 2007/08 a detailed **hate incident annual report** will be produced to provide a more in depth profile of hate incidents across Leicestershire. This will look at local trends in reporting within the context of the national picture. The report will also include a breakdown of the different types of incident and the nature of the incidents (e.g. violence, criminal damage, intimidation), provide profiles of victims and offenders, identify patterns and trends over time and the identification of geographical areas where hate incidents may be a problem.

The aim of the annual report is to meet the monitoring needs and information requirements of the reporting centres and partner agencies.

to report a hate incident?

Hate incidents can be reported on-line at www.leics.gov.uk/reporthate. A report form can also be downloaded from this website. Forms are also available from the reporting centres, including all council receptions.

need more information?

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