WHAT IS HATE CRIME:
Hate Crime in Scotland is currently recognised in criminal law as crimes that are motivated by prejudice based on:
- Race
- Religion
- Sexual Orientation
- Disability
- Transgender identity

BACKGROUND to NATIONAL HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK
Hate Crime Awareness Week is a UK wide campaign that has its roots in community responses to a number of serious hate crimes. These include
- The London Nail Bombings – in April 1999 David Copeland, a 22 year old electrician from Hampshire, planted three nail bombs in Brixton, Brick Lane and Soho in London, targeting the Asian, African Caribbean and gay communities. The Bombs killed three people and injured 139.
- The brutal homophobic murder of Ian Baynham in Trafalgar Square in October 2009, which sparked a community-organised vigil to show solidarity against hate crime. This became an annual day for solidarity with hate crime victims.
- Since 2009 that day has become a national annual week of activity to remember victims and raise awareness of all forms of hate crime across the country.

GLASGOW HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK 2017
In order to raise awareness and provide a focus for activity to address hate crime, community safety partners in Glasgow have established Hate Crime Awareness week as an annual calendar event. 2017 will be the campaign’s third year in Glasgow.

Glasgow Hate Crime Awareness Week aims to encourage Agencies to work with communities, third sector and local organisations to:
- Promote Third Party Reporting and hate crime reporting generally
- Raise awareness of the nature of hate crime and how to respond to it
- Challenge attitudes and values that underpin offences motivated by prejudice
- Improve service responses to hate crime
- Consider the positive potential of bystanders

KEY DATES:
The campaign dates are 2nd – 3rd Saturday in October. In 2017 that is Saturday 14th – Saturday 21st October
- Saturday 14th October – Campaign starts
- Sunday 15th October - International Day of Hope and Remembrance for those Affected by Hate Crime:
HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED in HCAW 2017
You can support the week in many ways but here are some suggestions.

- Sign up as an organisation to Glasgow’s Hate Crime Pledge
- Ask staff and volunteers to make the pledge “I’m not staying silent about hate crime” and post their pictures on social media
- Display materials such as posters and leaflets in your offices, meeting rooms and public areas
- Organise events
- Incorporate the theme of Hate Crime Awareness into work that you have programmed during the week
- Review your organisation’s policies in relation to preventing, responding to and reporting hate crime.
- Organise training on Recognising and Responding to hate crime
- Become a Third Party Reporting Site
- Let the media know about any activity you are doing to address hate crime
- Put information on websites and newsletters about Hate Crime Awareness Week
- Promote the campaign on social media using #HateCrime #WeStandTogether
- Encourage and support staff, colleagues, friends and service users to access resources e.g. www.hatecrimescotland.org
- Add Hate Crime Awareness Week banners to email signatures
- Ask colleagues to think about how they can become involved

COORDINATION
Glasgow Hate Crime Working Group has set up a Hate Crime Awareness Week Co-ordinating Group. A digital tool kit is available
Campaign activities will be publicised centrally on the website www.hatecrimescotland.org

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