

REQUEST

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RESPONSE

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 24 November to the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC). I confirm that this has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and that MOPAC does hold some information relating to your request as set out below.

Does the commissioner's office fund third party hate crime reporting centres?

As part of the Mayor of London's zero-tolerance approach to hate crime he encourages anyone who is a victim or witness of hate crime to report to the police in order to offer the best opportunity of catching the perpetrators and ensuring victims receive the support they need. He recognises however, that hate crime can be deeply upsetting and humiliating for victims who sometimes do not believe they will be taken seriously, and that as a result, many offences are never reported to the police.

In his Police and Crime Plan the Mayor pledged to put victims at the heart of everything he does in terms of his oversight of police and criminal justice services in London. As a result, the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) has committed significant funds to ensuring that victims of hate crime have access to specialist support services that best meet their needs. While MOPAC does not specifically fund third party hate crime reporting centres, all of services hate crime support that receive MOPAC funds include the offer of third party reporting in their remit. A number of those services – Galop, CST, Tell MAMA and Witness Confident^[1] – have formal information sharing agreements with the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) that enables reports provided to them to be treated as reports to the police and investigated accordingly. Equally important however, is the offer of support to those victims who may not want to pursue a criminal justice outcome.

How much money has been put spent on the centres in 2016, 2017 and so far in 2018?

As stated above, MOPAC does not specifically fund third party hate crime reporting centres. Therefore no direct funding has been spent on centres in those years. The total funds

^[1] Galop is an LGBT anti-violence charity that supports LGBT victims of hate crime and sexual violence; the Community Security Trust (CST) is a charity that monitors anti-Semitism and related threats to UK Jewish communities and supports victims of anti-Semitic hate crime; Tell MAMA is an NGO that monitors and tackles anti-Muslim hatred and supports victims of anti-Muslim hate crime; Witness Confident developed the Self-Evident smart phone crime reporting app.

spent on specialist hate crime support services, which will include a third party reporting offer is;

2016/17 - £445,501

2017/18 - £467,319

2018/19 – (funds committed) £539,691

How many centres are in the police force area?

MOPAC does not specifically fund third party hate crime reporting centres. However, a number of voluntary and community sector hate crime victim support services, including those to which MOPAC provides funds, offer a third party reporting service. MOPAC does not hold information on all of the organisations that provide support to hate crime victims in London.

For 2016, 2017, and so far in 2018 how many hate crime reports came from the centres?

The number of hate crime reports recorded in London can be viewed on the MOPAC Hate Crime Dashboard at <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/data-and-statistics/hate-crime-dashboard>

The way crime reports are recorded in London does not include a specific field that identifies if the report is from a third party or not. In order to identify which hate crime reports are third party reports a manual count would need to be undertaken. Therefore MOPAC does not hold this information.

If you are unhappy with the response to your Freedom of Information request, please see the MOPAC website on what the next steps are at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/governance-and-decision-making/freedom-information>