

REQUEST

What are the U.K statistics for disability hate crime and what is being done to combat this problem?

RESPONSE

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request of 6 February to the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC). I confirm that your request has been handled under the FOI Act 2000 and that MOPAC does not hold the information you request.

The role of MOPAC is to scrutinise the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and you can read more about this here:

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

You requested information on U.K statistics for disability hate crime. This information is not held by MOPAC, but you may find information on the following website useful:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/hate-crime-england-and-wales-2020-to-2021/hate-crime-england-and-wales-2020-to-2021>

You can also search the Office for National Statistics (ONS) website, here:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/>

Regarding your question as to what is being done to combat disability hate crime, we can only answer this in respect of London. Both MOPAC and the MPS undertake a significant amount of stakeholder engagement with London's disabled communities, and their representatives, to ensure their voice is heard in terms of the police response and how we support those subjected to disability hate crime. The key stakeholder organisations which are represented at London's policing and crime governance structures on victims and hate crime policy include Inclusion London and HEAR. If you have any direct concern, you may wish to reach out to them to share your experiences with them. They can be contacted by emailing hear@hearequality.org.uk and info@inclusionlondon.org.uk respectively.

You can read more about what is being done to tackle hate crime in London, here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/mayors-new-fund-to-counter-violent-extremism>

If you are unhappy with the response to your Freedom of Information requests, 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>