

Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP

Via email: section55responses@homeoffice.gov.uk

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Dear Sajid,

Joint inspection of the handling of cases involving disability hate crime

I write with regard to the joint inspection report published by Her Majesty's Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate (HMCPISI) and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) on 9 October 2018 which focused on the progress made by the police and Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) in response to findings from the previous reports: [Living in a different world: Joint review of disability hate crime](#) in 2013, and [Joint review of disability hate crime – follow up](#) in 2015.

I welcome this report and the focus it gives to victims of hate crime. The Mayor has made delivering a zero-tolerance approach to hate crime a significant part of both his manifesto and Police and Crime Plan.

The Mayor and I have put victims at the heart of the Police and Crime Plan. One of the ways we continue to ensure the experience of the victim is prioritised is by providing specialist support to victims through the re-commissioning of the Community Alliance to Combat Hate (CATCH) consortium. This service brings together six community organisations from different hate crime strands to provide a safe place to talk and offers advice on victims' rights.

I am confident that the MPS is progressing the four areas of improvement noted in the report for all forces. Specifically, I am keen to note that the MPS has in place a case management system that allows all hate crime offences to be flagged to the CPS. Learning is shared between the two organisations regularly. The accuracy of recording is also important, not only for the victim to ensure the right services and support are made available, but for the police to ensure that as accurate a picture of the issues are available to them. The MPS central hate crime team provide checks to ensure compliance and accuracy.

I hope this provides a useful summary of the MPS activity in response to this report.

Yours sincerely,



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