

**Living in a Different World: Joint Review of Disability Hate Crime  
Criminal Justice Joint Inspection**

**PCC Response**

I welcome the report and findings of the Criminal Justice Joint Inspection into disability hate crime which can only further help the police service and partner agencies to further understand and better tackle this important area of work.

A key priority within my Police and Crime Plan is to reduce the number of people seriously harmed in Dorset and specific delivery plans in support of this priority are in place for all forms of hate crime.

With the Deputy Chief Constable I jointly Chair the People, Confidence and Equality Board which is responsible for providing oversight of hate crime issues for the Force. A recent report to this Board on the Joint Inspection highlighted some areas for improvement based on the report's recommendations and the Force is currently in the process of implementing these changes. These measures include a review of hate crime training and working practices in the light of changes to legislation and the better monitoring of outcomes from direct engagement with protected groups locally.

To succeed in delivering real improvements for disabled people, the Force and I strongly believe that a co-ordinated approach across a range of partners is critical and this is reflected in the developments that are currently in progress with respect to hate crime.

Through the Strategic Police Consultation Group, with partners, and the People, Confidence and Equality Board, I will continue to monitor progress in this area.

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