Hate Crime - Myths

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"Myths" are things that people believe or think are true, but that may not be correct

	Myth	Police Response
	The attacks happen too often to report	Report it. Every report will be investigated. Help the Police collect evidence and build a criminal case.
	I did not think the Police could do anything	
	I did not think the Police would be interested	
	They are abusive to other people, someone else will report it	

	Myth	Police Response
	They were only calling me names	Report it. Their behaviour may be about to get worse, more harmful or hurtful. The Police may be able to help avoid further incidents or crimes. You should not have to put up with Hate Crime.
	I did not think the incident was serious enough to report	
	They do it all the time. I just have to put up with it	
	If I tell the Police then things will get worse	

	Myth	Police Response
	I did not realise it was a crime	Report it. Whether it is a Hate Crime or Incident, if you tell the Police then they can help stop it.
	If I report it to the Police, people will find out personal information about me	Report it. The Police do not publish personal information. The Police will talk to you about when information could be shared by other organisations.

	Myth	Police Response
	I am not very good at English so I cannot report it.	Report it. The Police will try to help you understand everything. They may give you information in writing, in an Easy Read format or use a translator / interpreter to help.
	I will have to go to court	Report it. Not all situations need you to go to court but reporting will help the Police. If you do need to go to court, the Police and CPS (Crown Prosecution Service) can talk to you about "Special Measures" to help you during the court process.

To read further information, click on the pictures below to open more documents:

CPS (Crown Prosecution Service) and Court

MoJ (Ministry of Justice), Court and Special Measures