

OPCC Victim Service Provider Workshop: *Provider Presentation*

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Victim Service Provider.

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LGBT
foundation

victim
support
find the strength



DIB
DISABILITY SERVICES
making a difference

DIAL
West Cheshire
Disability - Just DIAL



A bit about our Cheshire service 2015

The project had two main aims :-

- To identify victims who have reported incidents to the Police
- To encourage persons to report directly

Have you been a victim of harassment or crime because of your race, ethnicity, religion, faith or beliefs?

We give confidential support and information to victims of hate crime. We can liaise with other agencies on your behalf, look at ways to improve your safety and explain what will happen if your case goes to court.

You may not want to report hate crime to the police – perhaps you don't think anything can be done about it. But you don't need to suffer in silence – talk to Victim Support, we can help.

2 recent examples of the impact we made:

- Case study 1

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8yr old assaulted

17yr old offender

Issues:-

Locality

Family

Victim

- Case study 2

Chester

Adult Female Victim

Repeat Victim

7yr old son

Issues:-

Victim

Child Protection

How we evidenced our value to commissioners

- Direct referral route identified for Police
- Compiled extensive contacts database
- Promotional information circulated widely using newsletter circulations, posters & presentations
- Attended Multicultural Events
- Increase in direct referrals
- Direct work undertaken with victims and families
- Greater understanding of hate crime in Cheshire