



What Dimensions did for
#ImWithSam in 2018-2019



In this report



Training police officers



#ImWithSam is our campaign against learning disability and autism hate crime.



This report will tell you what we have been doing for the past year.



This colour section tells you about our work with the police.



This colour sections tells you about our work with the government.



This colour section tells you about raising awareness.



In July 2018 we finished training Surrey Police.



We trained over 1,000 police officers.



We trained them on learning disability and autism hate crime.



We also trained them on how they can help victims.



The training was given by someone who has a learning disability called Dr Mark Brookes.



Working with the British Transport Police



The British Transport Police are in charge of keeping people safe on public transport, such as buses and trains.



Over the year we regularly attended events with the British Transport Police.



These events were at London train stations.



At these events we talked to the public about learning disability and autism hate crime.



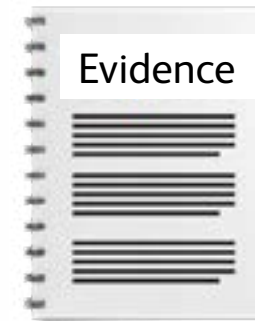
We told people how they can spot hate crime on public transport.



Tackling online hate crime



We have been helping make sure policies protect people with learning disabilities or autism online.



We have given evidence to the Petitions Select Committee.



The Petitions Select Committee are a group of people in parliament who look at requests for change from the public.



We have also worked with the Home Office to tell them about abuse people with learning disabilities and autism can experience online.



This is to help make sure the law can protect people better.



Changing the law



This means they will talk to lots of people and experts.



In September 2018 the government announced a review into hate crime law in England and Wales.



We have started to find evidence from people with learning disabilities and autism, and their families.



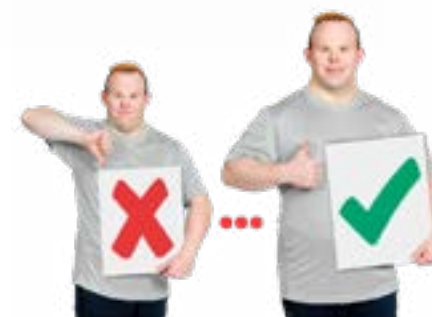
An MP called Stella Creasy helped make this happen.



We will use this evidence to show the government what abuse people have experienced.



A group of people called the Law Commission will do this review.



We will also use this evidence to tell the government what we think could make the law better.



The Law Commission looks at whether laws need to be changed and listens to what the public thinks about our laws.



We will work with other experts to make sure the Law Commission understand what's important to people.



The Law Commission will look at the law to see what is working and what needs changing.



We are also working closely with Stella Creasy, the MP who helped make this review happen.



Telling more people about hate crime



We spoke on the expert panel with Home Office Minister Baroness Williams.



We launched our #ImWithSam campaign in 2016.



This means more people from government knows how important tackling learning disability and autism hate crime is.



Since then we have been building relationships with people who can help.



We also sit on the Hate Crime Reduction Board for the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime in London.



We are working closely with the Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities.



They are responsible for making sure people in the community, the police and the Crown Prosecution Service work together.



In September 2018 we attended the launch of their report called 'A Life Without Fear'.



The Crown Prosecution Service are in charge of decisions about whether someone should go on trial for a crime.



This report was launched in parliament.



We are also part of the External Consultative Group on Hate Crime for the Crown Prosecution Service.



This means we can give advice to them when they're making decisions about hate crime policy.



This also means we can give advice to them about how the support they give victims.

ann craft trust
acting against abuse

In November we attended the Ann Craft Trust's safeguarding summit.



At this event we talked about the relationship between safeguarding and hate crime.



Safeguarding is making sure people have the right support to stay safe.



We talked about why it's important for support services and local authorities to work together.



Raising awareness online



It's also important to talk about learning disability and autism hate crime online.



Lots of people can find things online.



This means people who don't know about hate crime can learn about it.



More people visited the #ImWithSam pages on our website this year.



More people also found the webpages through a search engine, such as Google.



This means that more people are already aware of hate crime and want to learn more.



Facebook also helped us raise awareness.



Twitter was also very helpful for us.



We posted lots of different things about #ImWithSam.



When we were running a survey about hate crime, lots of people found it through Twitter.



We posted things like blogs and news stories.



This happened because we told different people and organisations about it using Direct Tweets.



One of the most popular posts was a story about the review into hate crime law.



Direct Tweets means we wrote directly to the person and Twitter let them know we had a message for them.



This shows that people like to know things are getting better.



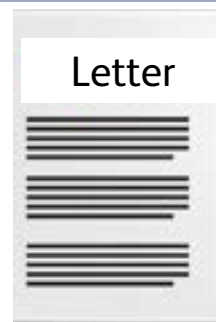
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Talking about hate crime in the media



He has had letters to the editor published.



Our Campaigns Advisor is called Dr Mark Brookes.



He has talked to the media about police training.



He is very passionate about tackling hate crime.



He has talked to the media about why we must all do what we can to tackle hate crime.



Because of his experiences and his knowledge the media like to talk to him.



He has talked to the media about what the government must do to tackle hate crime.



Mark has been in the media a lot.



[You can read one of his articles in the Huffington Post \(click this link\).](#)



He has had articles about him published.



[You can read another one of his articles on Happiful \(click this link\).](#)



Proving life can get better

Dimensions provides evidence-based outcomes-focused support for people with learning disabilities, autism and complex needs. We help people to be actively engaged in their communities.



Find out more about hate crime

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