

LIVING IN FEAR

Better outcomes for people with autism and learning disabilities

This project aims to find out:

- How many people are victims of harassment and hate crime when they are out and about in the community?
- What types of victimisation do people experience or fear?
- What are the characteristics of people who report victimisation?
- What effect victimisation has on people's quality of life and wellbeing.
- How people report victimisation and what response they get.

The project will be led by **autism london** in partnership with **mcch** society, the Tizard Centre at the University of Kent and Kent Police.

We will invite people with disabilities and their carers to tell us about their experiences.

- We will do this in focus groups
- We will also have surveys
- You can take part in these

Please contact us on the number and address below.

We will also conduct focus groups and surveys for the Police: to find out what they find difficult in responding to within reports.

How we will use the research

The findings from the survey will be given to police forces and community safety organisations across the UK to ensure better reporting methods are put in place and effective planning around the reporting of victimisation.

All information received will be kept strictly confidential and people who agree to take part in the research will not have their names or other personal information stored on any records.

Crimes against people with learning disabilities and autism seem to be in the news more often; some of the crimes have been horrific.

The Department of Health has acknowledged that hate crime against people with learning disabilities is currently a major issue and a group from Parliament described crimes against people with learning disabilities as a 'hidden problem'.

The British Crime Survey does not gather information on whether participants have learning disabilities or autism and most local authorities, police forces and community safety partnerships don't know how many people with learning disabilities or autism are victimised.

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