



Ministry of Housing,
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Rt Hon Yvette Cooper MP
Chair, Home Affairs Select Committee
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Dear Yvette,

‘ACTION AGAINST HATE: THE UK GOVERNMENT’S PLAN FOR TACKLING HATE CRIME – TWO YEARS ON’

We are writing to inform you as Chair of the Home Affairs Select Committee that today our departments published the document *‘Action Against Hate: the UK Government’s plan for tackling hate crime – two years on’*. This document addresses the commitment the Government made in the July 2016 Hate Crime Action Plan *‘Action Against Hate: the UK Government’s plan for tackling hate crime’* to review the Action Plan in 2018 to report on progress to date and ensure that the Action Plan remains fit for purpose.

The 2016 Hate Crime Action Plan is a four-year plan, and this refresh updates on the progress that Government and key national partners including the police and Crown Prosecution Service have made so far in tackling the 71 actions in the 2016 Plan. Whilst this document necessarily summarises progress, we are also publishing on Gov.UK a detailed table setting out progress against each action alongside a paper with an overview of the current evidence base. We have also used this opportunity to reflect on the challenges we face now and feedback from our key stakeholders, including the Hate Crime Independent Advisory Group.

Most importantly, we need to ensure that victims remain at the centre of our approach and fundamentally that the Criminal Justice System is effective in protecting and supporting our victims. That is why Government has asked the Law Commission to undertake a review of the coverage and approach of current hate crime legislative provisions. We also include further detail on how we will tackle harms directed at particular groups, including antisemitism and anti-Muslim hate crime and have included new commitments to projects in support of this. Reporting of hate crime remains fundamental, and we will therefore be launching a wide ranging national hate crime public awareness campaign later this year to publicly address hate crime and re-establish boundaries.

A copy of this letter and the policy document (attached with this correspondence) will be placed in the House Library.



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