

Stand by me police promise

We want all police services to promise to stand by people with a learning disability to end hate crime.

We are asking the police to commit to ten promises that will make a huge difference for the victims of disability hate crime.

By signing up to the promises, we pledge to:

1. Make sure that information is available and presented in a suitable form.
2. Get better evidence and increase convictions by allowing more time for interviews, particularly where the victim has difficulty communicating.
3. Understand how to identify if someone has a learning disability.
4. Listen to, respect and involve families, carers and support staff of disabled people.
5. Challenge discriminatory attitudes and language among fellow officers.
6. Ensure that victims are kept up to date with the progress of the case once they have reported a crime.
7. Recognise that disability hate crime is as harmful as other types of hate crime.
8. Don't label disability hate crime as antisocial behaviour – identify the crime and deal with it.
9. Hold regular beat meetings and ensure they are open to disabled people.
10. Display the *Stand by me* promises where everyone can see them.

For guidance on implementing this pledge, please visit www.mencap.org.uk/standbyme