

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

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